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'Toronto elites' win this round

Long-gun registry survives narrow Commons vote ◐ Tory House leader has said 'Toronto elites' behind push to keep registry ◐ Party vows to keep fighting

Politics have clouded the Conservatives' attempt to scrap the long-gun registry, but they see a silver lining in the aftermath of yesterday's cliff-hanger vote — it's fodder for the campaign trail.

MPs voted 153-151 to kill a Tory private member's bill to scrap the registry, taking the hot-button issue off the legislative table for this session.

But the Conservatives say the razor-thin vote margin shows the tide is turning and the political fight will rage on. They warned opposition MPs the issue will be front and centre in the next election. And they plan to target MPs in rural ridings who changed their votes after saying they would support scrapping the registry.

"We won't give up the fight. This isn't the end, this is just the beginning."
CANDICE HOEPPNER
CONSERVATIVE MP
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Prime Minister Stephen Harper said his party "will continue (its) efforts until this registry is finally abolished."

Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff said Harper's refusal to give up "is exactly the political approach that does our country harm" by exacerbating rural-urban divisions. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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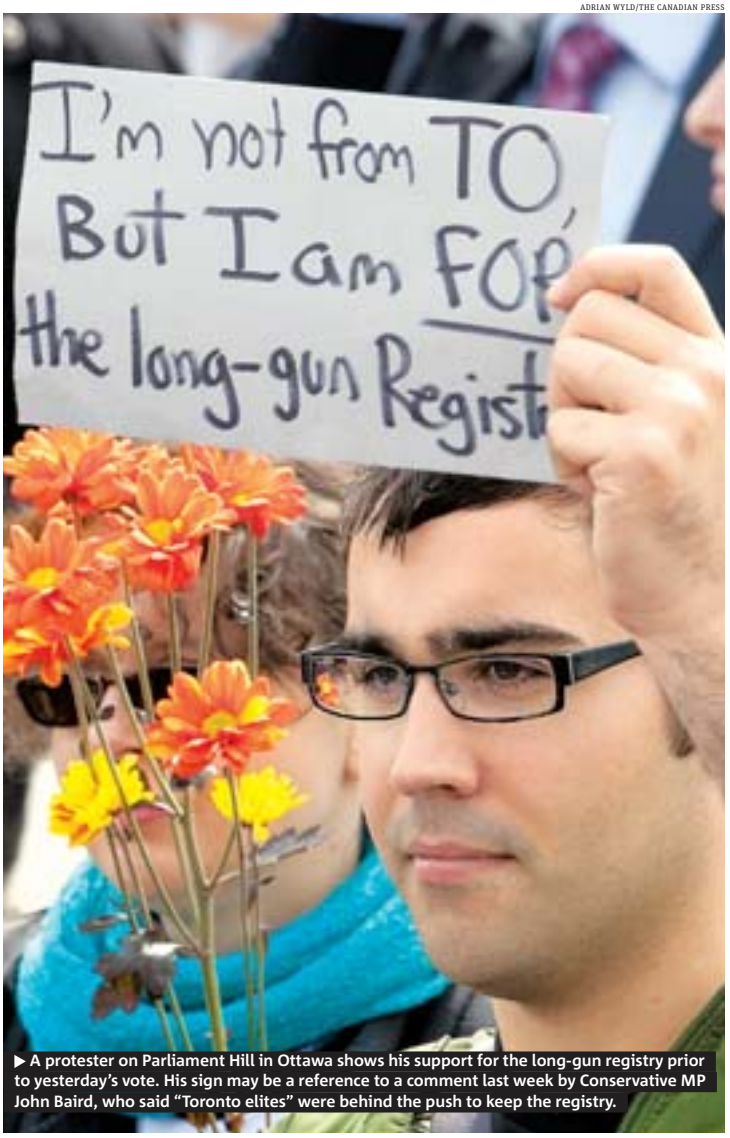

▶ A protester on Parliament Hill in Ottawa shows his support for the long-gun registry prior to yesterday's vote. His sign may be a reference to a comment last week by Conservative MP John Baird, who said "Toronto elites" were behind the push to keep the registry.

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NFL teams scrambling to find the right solution {page 79}

He's a free man

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Live and let farm, Facebook says

More than 200 million people play games on Facebook each month. This means about 300 million members of the world's largest online social network don't.

To ensure that those who love Farmville and those who can't stand the constant invitations to play can stay friends, Facebook is making some changes.

People who don't play a particular game won't get notices in their news feeds when friends send gifts of pigs or plum trees. Previously, they had to hide or block the game or the players to escape the steady stream of updates.

Facebook will make game updates even more prominent for those who do enjoy tending virtual pastures, taking down rival mob bosses in Mafia Wars, or cleaning out the fish tank in Happy Aquarium.

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▶ The Internet virtual game FarmVille.

Privacy czar doesn't like Facebook button

Friends will see what others are reading, watching, buying, says network creator Mark Zuckerberg

Just as quickly as Canada's privacy czar handed Facebook a passing grade for changes it made to information controls, she has begun investigating another set of issues.

Privacy commissioner Jennifer Stoddart said yesterday that she is satisfied the network responded to concerns she raised in 2009 about the sharing of private user information with third parties — creators of games and other applications, for example.

But Stoddart said she is already looking into other complaints filed about Facebook.

One of them involves the "like" button that users are invited to click on below a description of a product or service. Once a user does that, the individual or organization who controls that product can actually gain access to the user's "wall" and post information at will.

"One of the things that bothers me about Facebook is that it seems to have adopted the model to forge forward and fix it later."

DAVID FEWER, CANADIAN INTERNET POLICY AND PUBLIC INTEREST CLINIC THAT FILED THE COMPLAINT WITH STODDART

If given permission, they can also tap into a person's private profile data.

Stoddart is also looking into messages that are sent to non-Facebook users asking them to join the network.

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▶ Privacy commissioner Jennifer Stoddart.

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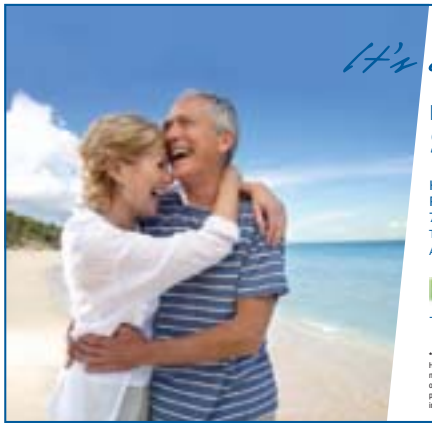

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Of cupcakes, stuffed toys and deportation

Deported to Chile, woman says she didn't realize she was part of an alleged gang — the Latin Kings

A Toronto woman who said cupcakes and a stuffed animal are her only links to a gang has been deported to Chile.

Carla Campana, 24, was put on a plane to Santiago Tuesday night, her lawyer Jeffry House said.

Campana, who does not have a criminal record, is accused of being a member of the Almighty Latin Kings and Queens Nation, also known as the Latin Kings. Toronto police allege the local chapter has been involved in firearms crimes, drugs and aggravated assault. But Campana insists she thought the group's goal was to promote the advancement of Latin women and she didn't know about the group's alleged illegal activities.

Residence

Campana, who was not charged with a crime, lived in Toronto since she was a baby but never applied for Canadian citizenship.

She said baking cupcakes to fundraise for a new mom, and giving the baby a teddy bear is the extent of her involvement in the group.

Her lawyer has said she was a "probationary" member, and left after being told her role was to "sexually service" the men in the group.

She had been in custody since October of last year.

In July, an adjudicator at the Immigration and Refugee Board found Campana to be a member of a criminal organization.

A deportation order was subsequently issued.

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Pink. For the girls

▶ Canadian actress Lisa Ray sells pink lemonade yesterday in Yorkville.

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Lining up for Pink LEMONAid

Plan Canada launched its inaugural Pink LEMONAid event in support of its Because I Am A Girl campaign, a nationwide movement to raise awareness and inspire action in support of girls' rights around the world. Pink LEMONAid stands were stationed at three locations in Toronto, with the help of a lineup of Canadian celebrities who lent their star power to this one-day event.

Attempted murder with a beer bottle?

A 23-year-old Toronto man is charged with attempted murder after another man was attacked with a beer bottle Monday night.

Tomasz Sejbuk is charged with attempted murder, aggravated assault, assault with a weapon, weapons dangerous and threatening death.

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Charges laid in 1953 sex assault

An 88-year-old Toronto man faces charges in a sex assault alleged to have occurred in the fall of 1953, when the accused worked was a school teacher at St. Michael's College.

William Hodgson Marshall was charged yesterday with two counts of assault.

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Hydro worker dies in storm

A 27-year-old hydro worker in Port Elgin was electrocuted Tuesday night while working on a repair as severe thunderstorms swept southern and central Ontario.

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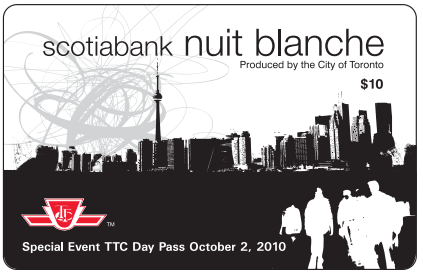

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▶ Finance Minister Dwight Duncan

Nortel plan rejected

Proposal would require a new, "highly complex legislative and regulatory scheme within a short time frame," says finance minister

The Ontario government has rejected a request from former Nortel workers to let a private financial services company take over managing their $2.5 billion in pension assets instead of winding up their pension plan.

Finance Minister Dwight Duncan wrote to the Nortel workers to say their proposal would mean a potential increased risk for pensioners because of a "high degree of exposure to the equity markets."

Under the government's wind-up rules, the assets would be used to purchase annuities that would provide a steady income to retirees.

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Ex-chief justice to lead review of secret G20 law

1,100 More than 1,100 people were arrested during the summit, but most were released without being charged.

The so-called secret law that governed police powers during the G20 summit will be reviewed by former Ontario chief justice Roy McMurtry, a move the opposition said was aimed at avoiding a full public inquiry.

McMurtry will review the Public Works Protection Act, a Second World War bill designed to protect buildings like courthouses. Ontario's Liberal government updated the act in June — for the first time — in secret, specifically for the G20.

The updated law gave police the power to stop, question and arrest anyone within five metres of the G20 security fences in downtown Toronto. The law applied only inside the security fence, but the government and police allowed people to believe it applied outside the fence as well until the summit was over.

NDP Leader Andrea Horwath was unsatisfied yesterday, saying, "We called from Day 1 for a full public inquiry and we're sticking to that. We believe the people of Ontario deserve at least that."

The review by McMurtry will not get to all the details around who decided to update a 70-year-old law in secret, added Horwath.

Community Safety Minister Jim Bradley dismissed the idea of a full public inquiry into the G20, saying it was a federal responsibility because the summit was a federal event.

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Inaction putting land, lakes at risk: Watchdog

▶ Gord Miller

Increasing pollution of the Great Lakes and illegal mining camps in the Far North are among the consequences of Ontario's failure to follow through on its environmental promises, a provincial watchdog said yesterday.

"This government rightly prides itself on the progress it has made in passing legislation to protect the environment, but actions on the ground often undermine it," said environmental commissioner Gord Miller.

In his annual report, Miller pointed to several instances where he said political inaction is threatening the environment.

Municipal wastewater discharges are worsening the pollution of the Great Lakes because the Environment Ministry's rules don't factor in the increasing population of southern Ontario, Miller found.

Some of his harshest criticisms were for the Ministry of Natural Resources, which Miller said has virtually no presence in the Far North.

The ministry has had to shut down private airstrips built on Crown land without permission, illegal mining camps were set up and companies have started staking claims for hundreds of kilometres to delineate rail corridors, he said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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A sign of character?

For handwriting analyst, success at the polls is all in the signature

Elaine Charal, a certified graphologist, has been interpreting handwriting for 15 years. She turned her eyes to the scribbles of Toronto's frontrunners.

Joe Pantalone — Pantalone's high capital letters indicate a high level of confidence. The flat-bottom loop on his capital 'J' shows his need to excel. The rounded circle on the 'o' in his first name indicates Joe prefers to edit his words around uncomfortable issues.

Rocco Rossi — Rossi's signature is illegible, which shows he is a private person. His script is quick, indicating an equally quick mind. The 'threading' in Rocco's signature indicates him to be the consummate politician, able to adapt to any given situation.

George Smitherman — The figure-8 formations in Smitherman's signature (the double figure-8 stroke in the 'G' and 'S') indicate that he can talk his way into or out of most situations. But in Smitherman's case, that could lead to doing a tap dance around issues.

Sarah Thomson — Thomson's vertical slant indicates she is objective, poised and cool under pressure. Her high capitals indicate her confidence; her readable signature indicates she is genuine — what you see is what you get.

Rob Ford — Ford joins his first initial to his family name, indicating quick-mindedness. The angles within Ford's signature show an incisive, analytical mind: he always asks "why" when presented with information. The final stroke of his signature "zooms" skyward, indicating his driving ambition. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

BMX. Metro Hall

▶ A BMX rider soars above the ground outside Metro Hall yesterday afternoon.

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The only way to fly

The lunch hour thrills were part of a Car Free Day event organized by Retire Your Ride, a national program that disposes of 1995-model-year and older cars in an environmentally responsible way. The Retire Your Ride program ends in March.

Ford can deliver, says Mammoliti

▶ Giorgio Mammoliti

Front-runner Rob Ford has won the support of a former rival in his race for the mayor's chair in Toronto.

Ford, who has a commanding lead in public opinion polls, got the endorsement yesterday of Giorgio Mammoliti.

The city councillor, who ended his bid for mayor in July, says there's a ballooning bureaucracy at city hall, and Ford has tapped into the anger felt by Toronto residents. He says it's clear the city is looking for "absolute" change on Oct. 25, and after speaking with all the other candidates, he's decided Ford is the only candidate who can deliver.

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Group urges issue switch in election

A group of local activists are hoping to change the focus of the election campaign.

One Toronto — a collective campaign of environmental, arts, labour, and social justice groups that hopes to influence the issues dominating this election — officially launched yesterday. The group want the mayoral candidates to focus more on issues such as poverty, climate change, the arts, and accessible public transit.

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This is outlined at onetoronto.ca, and the coalition plans to hold public forums as the election nears.

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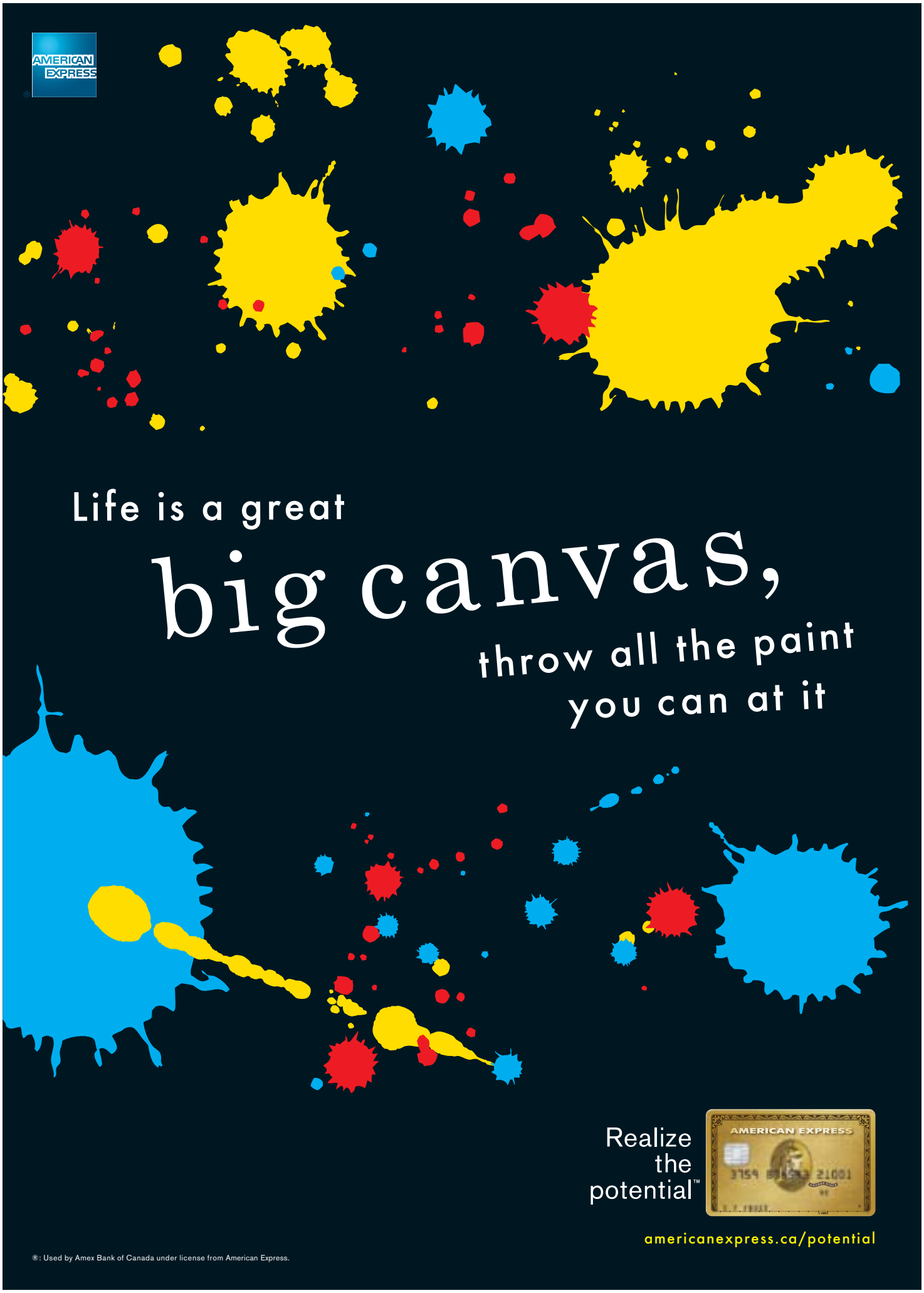
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BOMB SQUAD

Backyard object was explosive, say police

Police say an object a man found in his garden in Oakville earlier this week was an incendiary device.

Halton police say the man found a device, about the size of a running shoe, in his garden late Monday night.

Concerned that the device resembled a makeshift explosive, the man contacted police.

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Mac's joins child-alert program

Mac's Convenience Stores across Ontario have partnered with the Ontario Amber Alert program in an effort to engage the public as quickly as possible in the event of a child abduction.

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▶ A pilot enters the Snowbird ornithopter, developed by Todd Reichert and team at the University of Toronto Institute for Aerospace Studies.

Man flaps his way to record

- U of T student's 19-second flight believed to be a first
- Craft's design inspired by Da Vinci sketches from 1485

Leonardo da Vinci's dream of taking flight with a human-powered machine with flapping wings has been realized by a University of Toronto student.

And school officials say PhD candidate Todd Reichert has set a world record by taking his ornithopter on a sustained and continuous flight.

The machine's 19-second, 145-metre flight is the "completion of something that people have dreamed about for centuries," Reichert said yesterday.

The school waited until this week to release news of the achievement because it was gathering documentation to give to the Federation Aeronautique Internationale.

The school expects the body to confirm the world record in October.

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Artist turns destruction into creation

- Local artist spent three years creating the collection
- Wanted a pop-art feel similar to Andy Warhol's works

Outside Toronto's Gallery Moos, amid sleek condos and bustling businesses, sits a car that looks like it came straight from a war zone.

The windows are smashed in, the interior shredded, and its entire body is pockmarked with thousands of big bullet holes.

Step inside the gallery and the theme continues: The walls are filled with 15 vibrantly coloured paintings of famous images — from Jesus Christ to Paris Hilton and National Gallery of Canada director Marc Mayer — all outlined by blackened holes from rounds of ammunition.

Toronto artist Viktor Mitic painted, and pulled the trigger on, all the works and has put them into an "Art or War: Bullet Paintings" exhibition and coffee-table book that both launch today at the gallery.

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▶ A "bullet painting" of John Lennon.

"I started conceiving the idea when I saw the destruction of a 1,500-year-old Buddhist sculpture in Afghanistan," Mitic, who was born in Belgrade, Serbia, and studied at the University of Toronto and in Europe, explained.

"One soldier just went in and put bombs underneath it and blew it up and the whole world watched the whole thing. Everybody was in shock but nobody reacted. We just watched it on TV, live."

Mitic was also inspired by YouTube videos of soldiers destroying and desecrating 12th-century frescoes in Kosovo during the Balkan wars.

"I thought that this would be an interesting concept for me to make the painting that would have a similar feeling brought to canvas, like, how close can you get to seeing something shot?

"How else are you going to wake people up? ... You've got to do something that's going to bring the public as close as possible to the actual danger of firearms. I work in art, so this is what I can do."

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OIL

Energy alliance urged

Texas oilpatch veteran turned energy security campaigner T. Boone Pickens says he wants to see a North American energy alliance.

He said Canadian crude is "extremely important" to weaning the U.S. off of oil imports from the "enemy."

He said the media make much ado about U.S. concerns over so-called "dirty oil" from the oilsands, and that our crude is, in fact, welcome in his country.

Pickens has been pushing for investment in natural-gas powered transportation vehicles and wind energy to supplant oil imports from the Middle East.

He added that U.S reliance on Middle Eastern oil is funding both sides in the war in Afghanistan.

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Liberals won't be provoked into vote

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▶ Liberal foreign affairs critic Bob Rae says his party won't be 'baited' into an election by the Conservatives.

Opposition dubs Flaherty speech divisive, alarmist, 'even far-fetched'

Federal Liberals say they won't be provoked into triggering an election by "pathetic" partisan diatribes from Finance Minister Jim Flaherty.

"We're not afraid of anything, we're not going to be baited into anything," Liberal foreign affairs critic Bob Rae said yesterday.

Speculation the ruling Conservatives are trying to sour the tone of the newly returned Parliament and provoke an election arose after Flaherty unleashed a vitriolic attack on the opposition parties on Tuesday.

In an unusually partisan speech before a largely business audience, Flaherty predicted economic catastrophe — replete with tax hikes and 400,000 job losses — should a Liberal-NDP-Bloc Québécois coalition ever take power.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper defended — and partially repeated — Flaherty's thesis yesterday.

"While they deal with that kind of partisan, pathetic, trivial nonsense, we'll be talking about what really matters to average, middle-income Canadian families."

DEPUTY LIBERAL LEADER RALPH GOODALE

That further fuelled speculation the Tories are hoping to provoke an election in which they would try to position themselves as the champions of prudent economic management.

However, deputy Liberal leader Ralph Goodale said his party needs to stay the course charted over the past summer, when leader Michael Ignatieff crisscrossed the country listening to the concerns of average Canadians and honing his message to them. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Feds fear loss in race for UN seat

The Harper government is bracing for what would be an embarrassing loss in its bid to win a temporary seat on the United Nations Security Council, The Canadian Press has learned.

Canada could lose to Germany in the first round of voting, and might not win a tough fight on a second ballot against Portugal, say government sources.

The three countries are vying for two temporary, two-year seats on the UN's most powerful decision-making body.

Last term

- Canada's last two-year term ended in 2000, following a pattern of one such term roughly every decade dating to the late 1940s.

Faced with this tough battle, the government has banned all substantive on-the-record discussion by its officials on the race that will be decided Oct. 12, when the UN's 192 ambassadors cast a secret vote.

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▶ RCMP commissioner William Elliott

RCMP shakeup looms: Top Mountie

The RCMP's top cop says a shakeup of senior management is coming.

A spokeswoman for the Mounties confirmed commissioner William Elliott emailed staff to say the force will make changes to its top brass "in the near future."

Elliott apparently also told staff a review by former Canadian Security Intelligence Service head Reid Morden found "an unhealthy level of tension and conflict" among the RCMP's senior management.

The review came after a group of senior Mounties complained this summer about Elliott's intimidating management style.

Elliott is the first civilian commissioner in the history of the national police force. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Missile sales to Iran nixed

Russian President Dmitry Medvedev issued a decree yesterday banning all sales of S-300 anti-aircraft missile systems to Iran.

Russia signed a 2007 contract to sell the systems that could boost Iran's ability to defend against air strikes. No such missiles have been delivered yet.

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Space rovers on agenda

Canada's space program is entering a new era — it's moving beyond robotic arms, and is now working on space rovers.

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IRAN

Dozen killed in bombing

A bomb exploded at a military parade in northwestern Iran yesterday, killing 12 spectators in an attack that one official blamed on Kurdish separatists who have fought Iranian forces in the area for decades.

The blast in the city of Mahabad, close to the borders with Iraq and Turkey, also wounded 75 people, Iranian media reports said. Most of the victims were women and children, said provincial Governor Vahid Jalalzadeh, who was quoted in a report by Iran's state broadcasting company.

Iranian forces in the border zone have clashed for years with Kurdish rebels from the Iranian wing of the Kurdistan Workers Party, which also has fighters based in Turkey and Iraq.

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Florida to stop ban on gay adoption

Florida will immediately stop enforcing its ban on adoptions by gay people following a decision by a state appeals court that the three-decade-old law is unconstitutional, Gov. Charlie Crist said. The court upheld a 2008 ruling by a judge who found "no rational basis" for the ban.

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Obama: U.S. to change approach

U.S. President Barack Obama told a UN conference that the United States is changing its approach to development to focus less on spending money and more on really helping countries develop.

Obama says the administration will demand accountability.

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China threatens Japan with 'actions'

Dispute stems from Japanese detention of Chinese fishing boat captain ◗ Relations at new low over islands claimed by both nations

Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao threatened action against Japan if it does not immediately release a detained ship captain, in his first comments in a growing fight over disputed islands.

Wen's remarks last night in New York were the first by a top Chinese leader on the issue that has led Beijing to suspend ministerial-level contacts with Tokyo.

China also has said Wen will not meet with Japanese Prime Minister Naoto Kan during UN meetings in New York this week. Wen laid the blame for the dispute entirely at Japan's door.

Tokyo "bears full responsibility for the situation, and it will bear all consequences," he told a gathering of overseas Chinese, according to China's Foreign Ministry website. The report did not elaborate on what actions China might take.

"If possible, it would be good to quickly hold high-level talks."
JAPANESE CHIEF CABINET SECRETARY YOSHITO SENGOKU

China-Japan relations are at their worst in several years after Japan arrested the Chinese captain of a fishing boat that collided two weeks ago with Japanese coast guard vessels near islands in the East China Sea claimed by both nations.

Japan extended his detention Sunday, and China responded by suspending contacts.

The dispute over the islands, known as Senkaku by Japan and Diaoyu or Diaoyutai in Chinese, comes as an increasingly confident China — its economy booming and military expanding — asserts its presence in the region.

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▶ Activists on a Hong Kong fishing vessel gesture before sailing for the islands yesterday.

Activists from China have tried to sail private boats to the islands in support of the territorial claims, though most of those plans have been thwarted by official pressure.

Seven activists from the southern Chinese territory of Hong Kong set sail for the islands yesterday in a fishing boat but were later intercepted by two marine police vessels.

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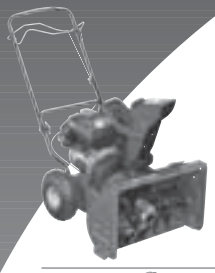

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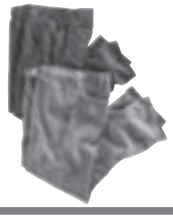

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Two Canadian archers pull out of Games

- New Delhi unprepared for Commonwealth Games
- Excrement, roaming dogs found in athlete's village

Travel was postponed, two Canadian athletes pulled out, and a portion of a ceiling at the weightlifting venue came tumbling down on another troubled day for the Commonwealth Games in New Delhi, India.

Two archers — former world champion Dietmar Trillus and Kevin Tataryn — became the first Canadian athletes to withdraw from the Games over concerns about health and safety.

"They weren't really confident with the health and safety issues," Canadian archery coach Richard Towler said. "We're sorry to lose them, but it's a personal decision."

Other Canadians have been told to delay their trips to New Delhi until the athletes village is deemed safe for occupation.

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▶ Stray dogs outside the Commonwealth Games village in New Delhi.

Canada is planning to send a team of about 400 athletes and officials to the Games, which open Oct. 3.

The withdrawals come after several countries — Canada included — complained about the state of the athletes village where excrement was found in some rooms and dogs were roaming freely on the eve of its opening.

The Scottish team also postponed its travel to India yesterday while New Zealand officials suggested the Games might be cancelled altogether. England officials said its team could pull out if conditions don't improve, while Wales gave the organizing committee a deadline of last night to confirm the venues and village were ready.

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France raises terror threat

France is facing a "peak" terror threat, and authorities suspect al-Qaida's North African affiliate of plotting a conventional bomb attack on a crowded target, the national police chief said yesterday.

The warning from National Police Chief Frederic Pechenard came on the eve of national protests that unions hope will send millions into city streets, and was the latest warning in a recent drumbeat from French officials that the public needs to be more alert about terrorism.

"France is today under threat. For that matter, French people need to get used to it," he told Europe-1 radio. "We're now facing a peak threat that can't be doubted. There is a specific threat against French interests. We have serious indications, coming from reliable intelligence, saying that there's an important risk of an attack," he said,

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▶ Actor Kevin Costner and Rod Lake of Blue Planet Solutions talk about the Gulf oil spill yesterday.

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The Gulf Coast's tourism industry, hurt by the massive BP oil spill, is betting on red snapper to survive the winter.

In an unusual move, the U.S. government is allowing fall fishing of the popular schooling snapper, a favourite for anglers who missed nearly an entire summer of saltwater fishing because of the oil spill, the largest in U.S. history.

Enthusiasts typically flock to the Gulf of Mexico to catch red snapper during the summer, and the fish is off limits later in the year. But the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration announced Tuesday it was allowing snapper fishing over eight three-day weekends beginning Oct. 1.

In coastal areas hardest hit by the oil, the special season is more about tourism dollars than seafood. Tackle shops, restaurants, hotels and stores that suffered steep declines in revenue because of the oil leak are hoping for a big boost. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Flaming bulls: Legal in Spain

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Besides watching the deadly duel of matador and bull, Spaniards run with bulls in Pamplona every year, spear them to death from horseback in another northern town, and cordon off town squares to let even children dodge calves of the kind used to breed top-grade fighter bulls.

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Bombs disarmed at U.S. school

COLUMBIA. Authorities in South Carolina disarmed and removed several pipe bombs they found in a high school after a student confronted an on-campus officer and fired a gun before being taken into custody, police said.

About 1,400 students at Socastee High School in the northeast part of the state were evacuated to a football field after the standoff Tuesday. Students returned to school yesterday after walking through metal detectors.

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Yukon outlaws cells for drivers

WHITEHORSE. Drivers in the Yukon are about to join most other Canadian motorists already banned from using hand-held devices behind the wheel. Legislation restricting cellphones, texting, emailing or other driving distractions takes effect in the Yukon in April 2011. Hands-free devices will still be permitted.

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B.C. corruption trial postponed

VANCOUVER. The political corruption trial of three government aides stemming from a police raid on the B.C. legislature seven years ago has been delayed for the third time this week because a jury member was ill.

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Horned dinosaurs unearthed in Utah

The Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument has been a hotbed for dino discoveries in the past decade, with more than a dozen new species found

Scientists said yesterday they have discovered fossils in the southern Utah desert of two new dinosaur species closely related to the Triceratops, including one with 15 horns on its large head.

The discovery of the new plant-eating species — including Kosmoceratops richardsoni, considered the most ornate-headed dinosaur known to man — was reported yesterday in the online scientific journal PLoS ONE, produced by the Public Library of Science.

The other dinosaur, which has five horns and is the larger of the two, was dubbed Utahceratops gettyi.

"It's not every day that you find two rhino-sized dinosaurs that are different from all the other dinosaurs found in North America," said Mark Loewen, a Utah Museum of Natural History paleontologist and an author of the paper published in PLoS ONE.

"You would think that we know everything there is to know about the dinosaurs of western North America, but every year we're finding new things, especially here in Utah."

Paleontologists say the discovery shows that horned dinosaurs living on the same continent 76 million years ago evolved differently.

Scientists say that other horned dinosaurs lived on the same ancient continent known as Laramidia in what is now Alberta.

The numerous horns are believed to have been used to attract mates and intimidate sexual competitors, similar to horns on deer.

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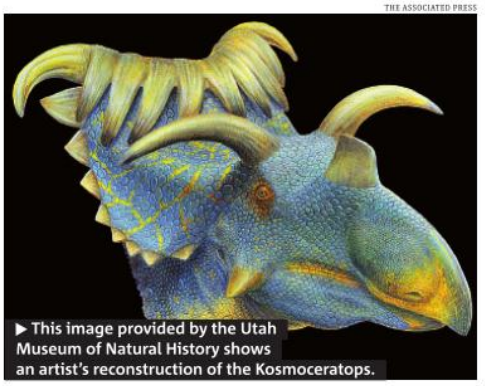

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▶ This image provided by the Utah Museum of Natural History shows an artist's reconstruction of the Kosmoceratops.

New species

- **The Utahceratops** has a large horn over the nose and short eye horns that project to the side rather than upward, similar to a bison.
- Its skull is about two metres long, it stood about 1.8 metres high and was 5.5 to 6.5 metres long. It is believed to have weighed three to four tons.
- **The Kosmoceratops** has similar facial features at the Utahceratops, but has 10 horns across the rear margin of its bony frill that point downward and outward.
- It weighed about 2.5 tons and was about five metres long.

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Canada will be H-2-OK, says expert

- Water expert says Canadians shouldn't worry about shortage
- Focuses on treatment instead

He's calling for a revolution in the way Canadians think about water.

A prominent water expert says Canadians shouldn't worry about wasting the renewable resource — because the country is literally flooded with it and won't run out.

John Carey addressed experts yesterday at an international water conference in Montreal.

The former senior executive at Environment Canada said Canadians should instead be concerned with the vast amounts of energy used to treat it and pump it to their taps.

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New approach

John Carey says the focus should be on the amount of energy required to treat and pump water.

- He said one per cent of all electricity generated is used for wastewater treatment, while as much as 10 per cent is spent on drinking water.
- Carey said municipal governments can also get involved by installing water meters that charge meaningful rates.
- He said meters have been known to cut water consumption in half.

North Dakota. Flood

▶ Joe Belford, 72, a lifelong resident, watches waters flow from an outlet on the west end of Devils Lake.

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This lake is a monster

The North Dakota lake has been called a slow-growing monster: A huge lake that has steadily expanded over the last 20 years, swallowing up thousands of acres, hundreds of buildings and at least two towns in its rising waters.

Difficult search for lost N.L. man, 80

Police in Newfoundland say high winds and heavy seas continue to limit the search for an 80-year-old man swept out to sea during hurricane Igor.

RCMP Sgt. Boyd Merrill said yesterday an eyewitness has confirmed the incident where the road beneath the man collapsed Tuesday in the Random Island area, about 100 kilometres northwest of St. John's.

"The man was actually standing there with another person when he was swept away so that witness, his relative, gave the report to us," said Merrill.

"There's no way to get to Random Island, physically we can't get there."
RCMP SGT. BOYD MERRILL

Merrill said locals continue to search for any sign of the man but outside help can't reach the area.

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Report out on doomed B.C. flight

Finding

The board's final report, released yesterday, said pilot Peter McLeod took off in poor weather.

The pilot of a doomed Pacific Coastal Airlines float plane that crashed into a British Columbia island, killing him and six passengers, had a "can-do" attitude that sometimes led him to fly in questionable conditions, the Transportation Safety Board says.

The board said Peter McLeod had only seconds to react before his Grumman Goose slammed into Thormanby Island just north of Vancouver in November 2008. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Guard shoots man, tension escalates

Buses stoned, cars overturned as Palestinian youths rampage in east Jerusalem ◗ Once more, peace talks are on the brink of breakdown

Crowds of Palestinian youths rampaged in east Jerusalem after the shooting death of a local man.

Protesters stoned buses, overturned cars and faced down Israeli riot police at the holy city's most sensitive religious sites.

The clashes erupted in the Silwan neighbourhood after a 32-year-old Palestinian man was killed by a private Israeli security guard watching over Jewish families in the area.

About 70 ultranationalist Jewish families live in Silwan, amid some 50,000 Palestinian residents.

Israeli police said the dead man, Samir Sirhan, had a criminal record.

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Peace so fragile

The east Jerusalem rampage has clouded fragile peace efforts.

- **The fears:** More fighting could break out, observers say, if Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu refuses to extend the settlement building freeze, which expires Sunday.
- **The threat:** Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas warned: "I cannot say I will leave the negotiations, but it's very difficult for me to resume (peace) talks if (Netanyahu) declares that he will continue his (settlement) activity in the West Bank and Jerusalem."

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▶ A Palestinian takes aim at Israeli police with a slingshot after the funeral procession for Samir Sirhan.

Politics of chess

CHECKMATE! YEMEN CHECKS OUT

A Yemeni chess team backed out of a match with Israel at an international competition for political reasons, officials said yesterday.

Aviv Bushinsky, chairman of the Israel Chess Federation, said the Yemen delegation didn't arrive for the matchup with Israel Tuesday at the Chess Olympiad in Khanty-Mansiysk, Russia. He said Israel was awarded an automatic 4-0 victory.

In the Yemeni capital of San'a, deputy youth and sports minister Moamar al-Ariani dismissed the automatic win awarded Israel as a "Jewish trick that aims to ruin the reputation of Yemen and Yemeni sport."

He also praised Yemen's chess team, saying it had lived up to its responsibility.

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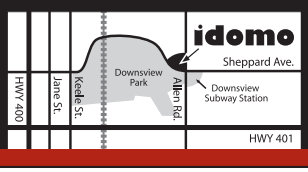

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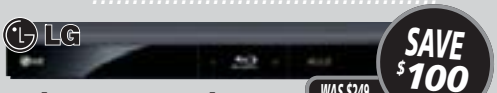

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		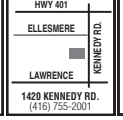				
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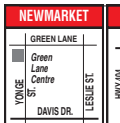	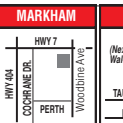	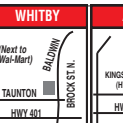	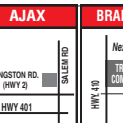	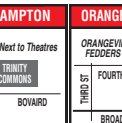	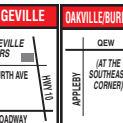	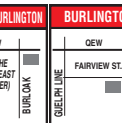	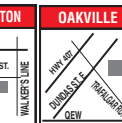	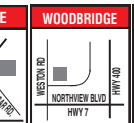	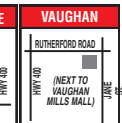	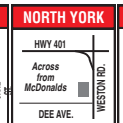	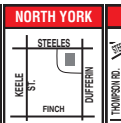		
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Sex photo case dropped against judge

Canadian Judicial Council also probing complaint

A lawsuit has been dropped against a Manitoba judge who found herself at the centre of a scandal involving allegations of graphic photos on interracial sex websites.

But Alexander Chapman, the man who made the allegations, is still suing Lori Douglas' husband and the law firm where the couple once worked.

"There's a question of whether or not there was adequate evidence to cover the points that are required within the civil action itself, and it simply wasn't something that should have been proceeded with," William Gilmour, who was hired by Chapman this week, said outside court yesterday.

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▶ Lori Douglas

For Douglas' lawyer, the move was vindication.

"I spoke quickly with my client ... and she is undoubtedly pleased that this matter is behind her," Michael Green said.

"We expect that without too much more time elapsing, she'll be back to doing her judicial duties."

Chapman went public this summer with allegations that he was pressured to have sex with Douglas when she was a lawyer at a Winnipeg law firm.

Chapman alleges he was approached by Douglas' husband and co-worker, Jack King, who had represented Chapman in a divorce.

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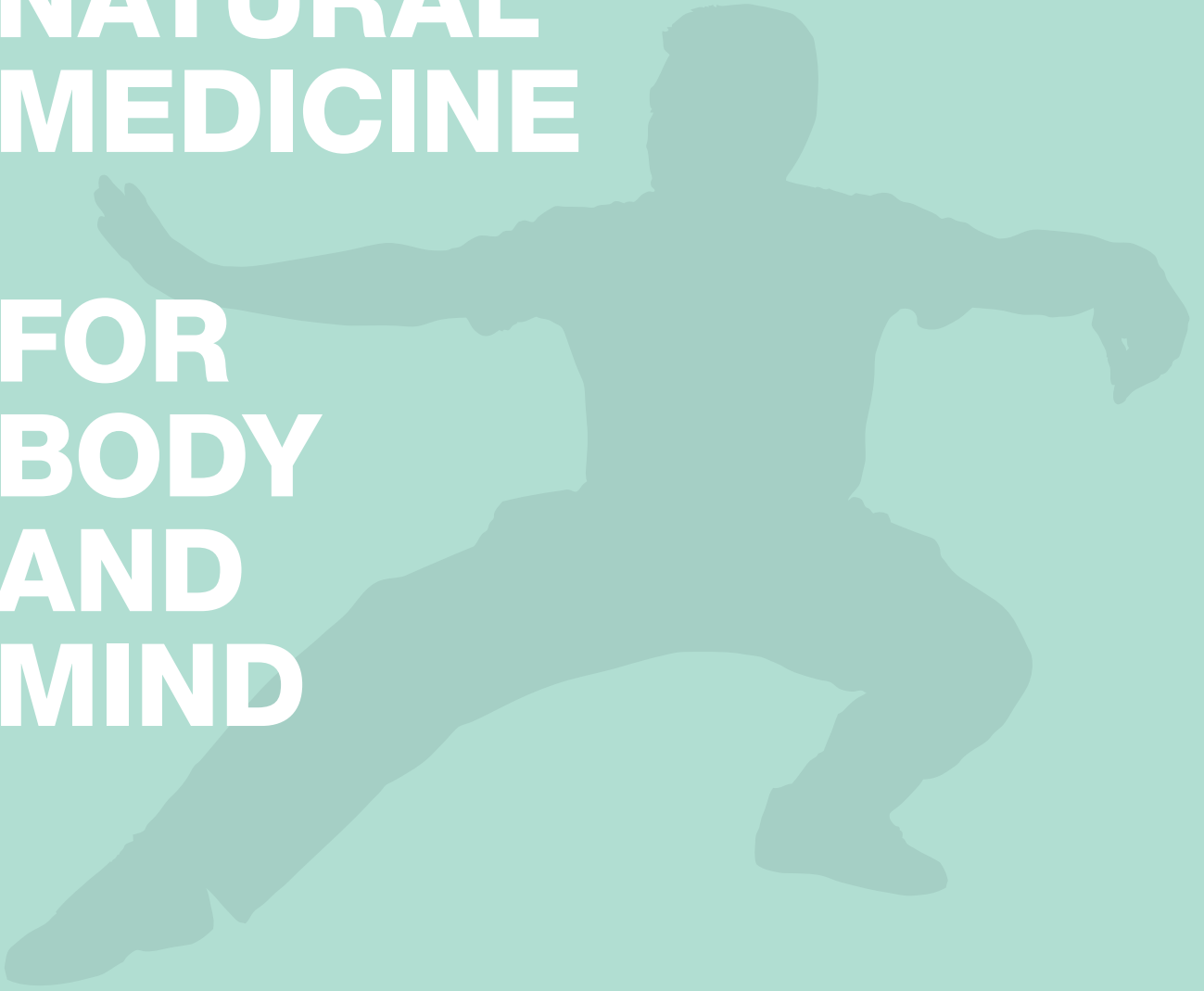

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Sarkozy vows to free French hostages

Al-Qaida in the Islamic Maghreb claimed responsibility in a recording broadcast on Tuesday

French President Nicolas Sarkozy vowed yesterday to mobilize his government to free five French people abducted last week by an al-Qaida affiliate in Niger, calling it a "very serious and worrying affair," according to a government spokesman.

Al-Qaida's North African branch has claimed responsibility for last Thursday's abductions, in which armed men snatched the five, plus two of their African colleagues — and the French Foreign Ministry confirmed the authenticity of the claim.

The French military has flown reconnaissance jets over the Sahara to search for the hostages. France has a military presence in some of its former colonies in West Africa.

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▶ Nicolas Sarkozy

French media reported yesterday that France has requested U.S. help in winning the hostages' release. The U.S. Embassy in Paris would not comment on the reports. Asked to confirm that such a request had been made, French Foreign Ministry spokesman Romain Nadal said, "We are co-operating with all the countries involved the fight against terrorism in the Sahel region, (including) with our main allies and partners."

Six of the seven hostages worked at a huge uranium mine in northern Niger run by French state-owned nuclear power giant Areva. The seventh was married to an Areva employee.

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In her new volunteer role, she will preside over convocation ceremonies, confer degrees, provide advice to the university president and help promote the institution, one of only two bilingual universities in Ontario.

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All-Afghan strike force chasing Taliban since 2002: U.S. source

The CIA has long operated an all-Afghan commando unit known as the Counterterrorist Pursuit Team, a U.S. official confirmed. Scan code to learn more.

Ways of the Pashtun

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▶ An Afghan man pushes his cart carrying used clothing for sale past a wall of election posters. As part of Canada's counter-insurgency strategy in Kandahar province, Canadian soldiers currently live and work among Afghan police and soldiers, either in or near small villages.

Canadian soliders try to forge trust with locals in Kandahar

The Pashtun people of southern Afghanistan have a saying: "He is not a Pathan who does not give a blow for a pinch."

It's widely understood that a Pashtun (or Pathan) man will respond aggressively to even the most minor slight. Those considered friends and guests are protected and respected with the same zeal.

And so it is with caution that Canada sends its troops to live among them as part of its widening counter-insurgency strategy in Kandahar province.

Canadian soldiers bound for Afghanistan are taught about the different tribal and family affiliations that have affected the tides of war in the region for generations.

But nothing can prepare them for the experience of living among the locals, said Capt. Paul Stokes, a member of the Royal Canadian Regiment battle group currently in Kandahar. "You can teach it in class, but you don't appreciate it until you see the differences and experience it."

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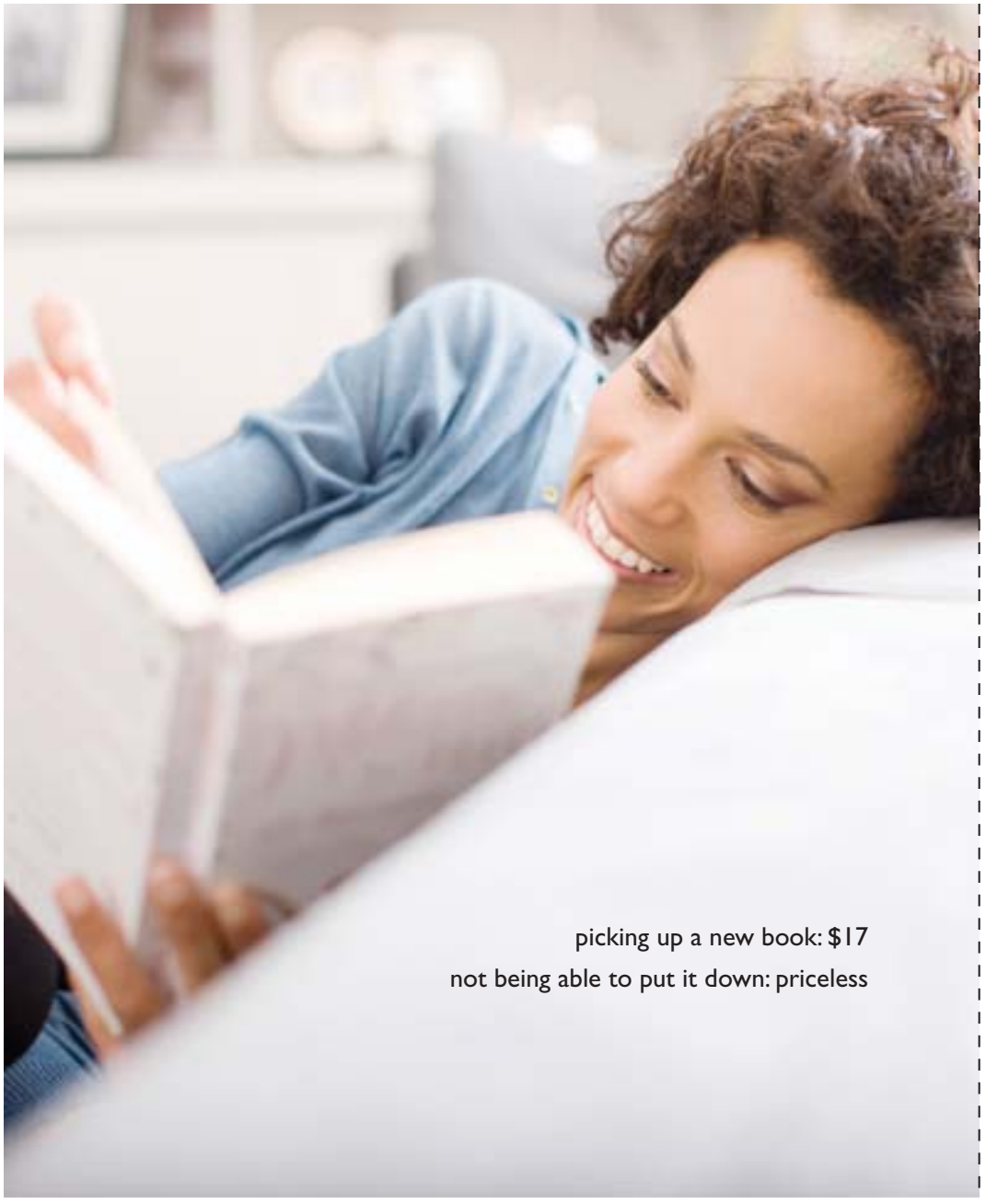

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‘Patriot’ in court for knife attack

Man pleads not guilty to hate crimes, following attack on Muslim taxi driver Cabbie narrowly escaped death

A college student declared himself “a patriot” after slashing a New York cabbie’s neck because the driver is Muslim, prosecutors said in a court document released yesterday.

Michael Enright also fumed to the police officers who arrested him that “you allow them to blow up buildings in this country,” made an apparent joke about an Arabic greeting, taunted officers and said he had downed a pint of scotch, according to the document.

Ahmed Sharif, from Bangladesh, survived.

Enright’s lawyer declined to comment, but he has said the student is struggling with alcoholism and post-traumatic stress disorder after a trip to Afghanistan.

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Alleged attack

- After getting into the cab, Michael Enright offended the driver with a reference to Islamic sexual restrictions, according to prosecutors.
- Enright told the driver to “consider this a checkpoint” and then said, “I’m going to kill you now,” before attacking Sharif, authorities said.

Pakistan. Still hurting

▶ A Pakistani woman who survived floods carries a baby at a temporary shelter near a gas factory in Gharo, southern Pakistan.

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Pakistan’s crisis far from over

Monsoon rains triggered massive floods six weeks ago that are still continuing in parts of southern Pakistan. Some eight million people have been made homeless in what Pakistani and UN officials have said is one of the largest humanitarian disasters in living memory.

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▶ Sean Bruyea has been an outspoken critic of the government's veterans' policies.

Opposition: What caused privacy breach?

◐ Medical info about critic was given to veterans' minister ◐ NDP, Liberals want investigation

NDP Leader Jack Layton says heads should roll in the veterans' bureaucracy after the personal information of an outspoken critic ended up in the briefing notes of a federal cabinet minister.

Layton called on Prime Minister Stephen Harper to launch an investigation and punish those responsible for the privacy breach involving Sean Bruyea, who for years was a fierce critic of the policy on veterans.

Private info

Information about Sean Bruyea was in a briefing note prepared in March 2006 for then-minister Greg Thompson, under the Conservatives.

▶ The note described Bruyea's medical and psychological condition in detail.

Veterans Affairs Minister Jean-Pierre Blackburn refused to comment but suggested he might have something to say later. Thompson was briefed on Bruyea because of his opposition to the vets charter, which fundamentally overhauled the way benefits are delivered to ex-soldiers.

The Liberals have also demanded an investigation, but MP Dan McTeague, a longtime advocate for veterans, says an outside agency should conduct the probe. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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With elections looming, Obama holds backyard meeting to remind American voters of benefits

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▶ U.S. President Barack Obama, accompanied by Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius, arrives in the backyard of a private residence yesterday to discuss health-care reform.

U.S. President Barack Obama is touting benefits taking effect this week under the U.S. health-care law he signed six months ago, including provisions allowing young adults to stay on their family's health plans until they turn 26.

"(Health-care costs were) bankrupting families, companies and our government."
U.S. PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA

Polling shows the law is unpopular with the American public and that many people do not know what is in it.

With crucial elections six weeks away, the White House is undertaking an effort to tell people what is in the law that will help them.

Obama held a health-care discussion yesterday with about 20 people in the sunny backyard of a home in the Washington suburbs.

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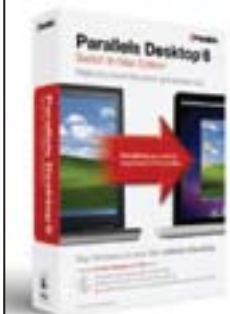

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▶ Nova Scotia Finance Minister Graham Steele is all smiles as he delivers an update on the province's finances.

Officials take blame for error

First, the good news: Nova Scotia deficit shrinking
Then minister reveals a past accounting mixup

Nova Scotia's finance minister delivered some good news about the province's shrinking deficit yesterday.

But the sunny message was partly overshadowed by an admission that his department had messed up accounting for last year's deficit.

Graham Steele provided a budget forecast suggesting the 15-month-old NDP government expects the 2010-11 deficit will be $203 million, $18.9 million less than forecast in his April budget.

"We continue to meet or exceed the targets in our four-year back to balance plan," he said.

But the minister also called attention to a correction that had to be made to the final deficit number contained in the province's 2009-10 public accounts, released in July.

At the time, the 2009-10 deficit was pegged at $242 million — less than half of Steele's original forecast.

But financial officials later confirmed they had made a mistake interpreting provincial income tax data provided by the federal government.

Steele stressed that even though the government thought it had more money than it did, the NDP did not ratchet up spending.

"This was an accounting error," he said.

"It made no difference to programs or services … This error has made no difference at all in the lives of Nova Scotians."

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Just too kind?

- Opposition finance critics Liberal Leo Glavine and Conservative Allan MacMaster said they accepted Steele's explanation that the error was an honest mistake.
- "We take them at their word on that," said MacMaster. "It's unfortunate because we're short another $100 million, but mistakes happen."

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Mom fears Viet gang behind son's death

An eastern Ontario woman searching for answers about her son's death after a crash in Vietnam is turning to Foreign Affairs and a local politician for help.

Lisa Hamilton of Stirling wants the department and Prince Edward-Hastings MP Daryl Kramp to look into her son Ryan Gallaher's moped crash in June.

She recently learned several gang members had been arrested in the area where her 35-year-old son had his accident.

The gang is accused of knocking tourists off their bikes and attacking them with hammers and machetes.

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Security snag delays walks for killer

Man stabbed and beheaded passenger on Greyhound bus

An unexpected delay in ordering security gear has held up the start of walks at a Manitoba institution for a man who beheaded a fellow passenger on a Greyhound bus.

The Manitoba Criminal Code Review Board ruled to allow Vince Li escorted walks on the grounds of the Selkirk Mental Health Centre near Winnipeg.

Extra security officers were hired and trained, while upgraded security at the centre was to have been in place by now.

But the province says there has been a holdup in ordering some security gear for the officers and it could be November before everything is in place.

Li was found not criminally responsible last year for the July 30, 2008, beheading of Tim McLean.

He admitted responsibility for the attack, but a judge found him to be suffering from hallucinations and untreated schizophrenia at the time.

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The victim

Tim McLean, 22, was stabbed, beheaded and cannibalized while riding a Greyhound Canada bus travelling the Trans Canada Highway about 29 kilometres west of Portage La Prairie, Man.

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▶ Vince Li

Justice. A mother's fight

▶ Jessica Gianfrocco speaks with a reporter in Providence, R.I.

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Thwarted by her past

Jessica Gianfrocco's past has caught up with her. A former heroin addict, she was convicted of a felony before her daughter was born. She wants to volunteer at her daughter's school, but has been barred because of her criminal record. Now she is suing the school district for the right to participate.

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Nothing to apologize for: Obama's aunt

- Onyango is half-sister of U.S. president's late father
- Fell ill and lived in homeless shelter for two years

U.S. President Barack Obama's aunt says she has no reason to apologize for accepting public housing and other government assistance even though she hasn't contributed to the system.

Zeituni Onyango said in an interview with WBZ-TV that the United States is supposed to follow the teachings of Jesus Christ.

"This country is owned by almighty God," she said in her first interview since being granted asylum in May.

"You people who preach Jesus Christ, almighty God, and the rest of it, you are here to help people, help the poor, help other countries and help women. That's what the United States is supposed to do."

The station aired the second part of the interview Tuesday night.

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▶ Zeituni Onyango

Onyango came to the U.S. from Kenya in 2000 and was denied asylum by an immigration judge in 2004.

She stayed in the country illegally, living in Boston public housing, where she remains to this day. She also currently receives $700 per month in disability benefits.

She was granted asylum earlier this year by the same judge who said she could be in danger if she returned to her homeland because of her relationship with the president.

She said Barack Obama never intervened in her immigration case.

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▶ An Indian paramilitary soldier checks the identity card of a Kashmiri civilian during curfew yesterday in Srinagar, India.

Kashmir sees break in unrest

Round-the-clock curfew, enforced by troops, eased after 10 days in main city of Srinagar and other towns

One more young Kashmiri man wounded during protests against Indian rule died yesterday, but a pause in the unrest allowed authorities to relax a rigid curfew allowing residents to stock up on provisions, police said.

It was a rare breather in almost daily protests that have wracked Indian-controlled Kashmir since early June. The unrest has left at least 107 dead, mostly teenage boys and young men. A 20-year-old protester wounded in a street battle with government forces Sept. 13 died in hospital yesterday, a police officer said on condition of anonymity.

Amnesty International has urged Indian authorities to probe the killings and stop using lethal force against protesters.

Nearly 40 lawmakers from major Indian national parties concluded a three-day visit to the region yesterday, intended to find ways to address long-standing demands of Kashmiri Muslims for self-rule or a merger with a predominantly Muslim Pakistan.

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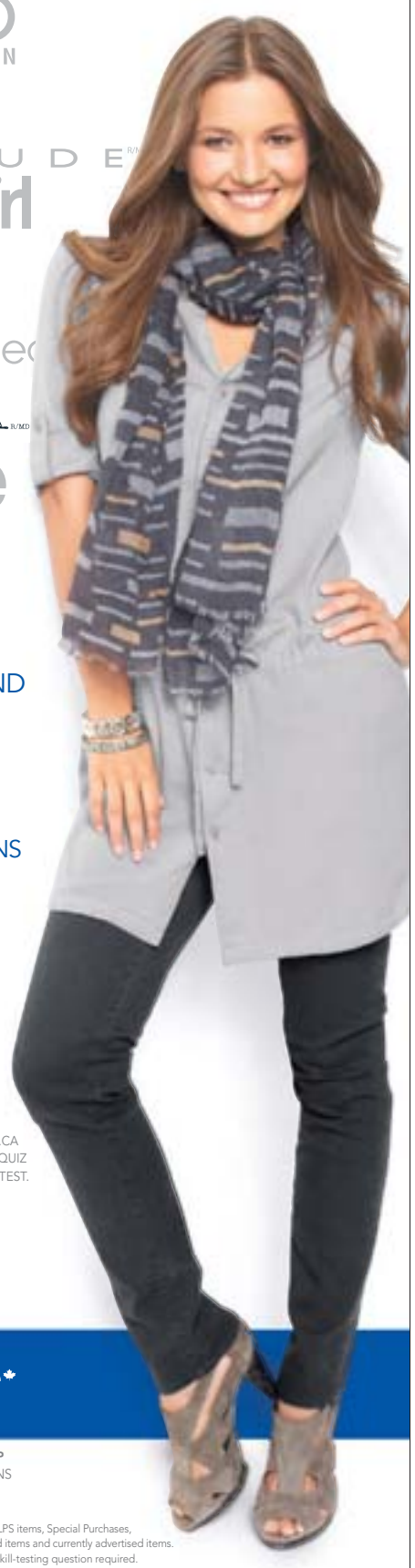

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Retail. Sales

▶ Retail sales took a pounding in July in three provinces that increased their sales tax, driving the sector into negative territory countrywide.

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HST blamed for shopping slowdown

Statistics Canada says retail sales fell 0.1 per cent to $35.9 billion across the country in July as Canadians spent less on furniture, home furnishings, electronics and appliances. The surprising weakness was only in Ontario (off 0.3 per cent) and British Columbia (off 0.4 per cent), which introduced the HST July 1, and Nova Scotia (off 5.3 per cent), which hiked its HST by two percentage points.

Netflix brings video service to Canada

Used actors to play people drawn to splashy launch in T.O. Netflix apologizes after ruse outed on Twitter

Video-streaming website Netflix Inc. is offering a one-month free trial as it launched in Canada yesterday followed by a monthly fee of $7.99.

The company said thousands of titles will be available, while admitting it doesn't have the most up-to-date selection of new releases.

The service will stream on PCs, Macs, iPhones and iPads, Nintendo Wii, Sony PlayStation 3 and some Blu-ray players.

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Netflix has 15 million subscribers in the U.S., where the company also sends out DVDs by mail to users. The DVD model will not be available in Canada.

Netflix has proven to be a popular alternative to renting and has been a major factor in the demise of Blockbuster, which is inching toward bankruptcy.

But Netflix's success in Canada is not assured since it will face a number of competitors.

Zip.ca already offers DVD rentals by mail, like Netflix's U.S. service, and has hinted it will eventually offer online streaming. Its subscription rates range from $5.95 to $49.95 a month.

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'It's still a great time to be in the food business'

General Mills Inc.'s first-quarter net income rose 12 per cent on stronger sales of key products such as Cheerios, Cinnamon Toast Crunch and Yoplait yogurts.

"Economic conditions remain relatively weak and consumer confidence is still pretty low, so it is a challenging time," Ken Powell, the company's CEO, said yesterday. "But as we've said before, it's still a great time to be in the food business."

The company said it sold more of its products and saw a shift by consumers to some of its higher-margin offerings such as cereal. But the company's performance was hampered slightly by higher costs for ingredients and advertising.

General Mills reported it earned $472.1 million US, or 70 cents per share, in the quarter. That's up from $420.6 million, or 62 cents per share, earned last year.

The company earned 64 cents per share, a penny better than expected by analysts. The company's revenue edged up one per cent to $3.53 billion, falling short of analyst expectations of $3.57 billion.

General Mills said revenue in its U.S. retail business grew six per cent. International revenue was up slightly less than one per cent, but excluding the impact of unfavourable foreign exchange, rose four per cent. And revenue in its bakeries and food service segment grew slightly, despite continued weakness in that industry.

Shoppers are still turning to General Mills products as they continue to eat at home more and at restaurants less, Powell said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ups and downs

General Mills saw big gains for its cereals, snacks and Yoplait yogurt business. But its Pillsbury and baking products segments both reported revenue declines.

▶ **Advertising** The company, which increased its advertising spending by eight per cent in the quarter, said it would continue to reinvest in the creation and marketing of its products to drive growth.

▶ **Earnings** The company restated that its adjusted earnings will be between $2.46 US and $2.48 per share for fiscal 2011. This is in range of consensus estimates of analysts of $2.48 per share.

▶ **Shares** General Mills shares rose 85 cents, roughly two per cent, in early trading.

Oil leak to cost $60M for cleanup

A U.S. affiliate of Enbridge Inc. estimates a pipeline leak this month near Chicago will cost up to $60 million US to clean up.

Enbridge Energy Partners LP said yesterday its estimate doesn't include potential penalties. It said insurance money should reduce the total charge for the cleanup to $10 million to $15 million.

The Sept. 9 leak closed the line for about a week.

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Market moment

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'Dirty oil' message gets to U.S.

Aboriginal leaders say decision-makers in Washington, D.C., were unaware but receptive to their arguments about the environmental consequences of oilsands development.

The message Francois Paulette and George Poitras delivered is that fuel from Alberta's oilsands is "dirty" and contributes to climate change and pollution that is hurting people, animals, birds and fish. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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PotashCorp sues BHP in bid to block takeover

Unconfirmed report says PotashCorp execs looking for investors in China to back management-led buyout

PotashCorp is suing its suitor, BHP Billiton, for allegedly driving down the Saskatoon-based fertilizer giant's shares over several years so it could be acquired on the cheap.

In a court filing yesterday, Potash Corp. of Saskatchewan asked a U.S. court to block BHP Billiton's takeover bid unless more information is provided, describing the $38.6-billion US offer as "coercive," "built upon false and misleading statements and omissions" and "built upon BHP's manipulation of the perceived value of PCS."

BHP dismissed the lawsuit as "without merit" and said it will "contest it vigorously."

Tactics

Richard Powers at University of Toronto's Rotman School of Management, dismissed the lawsuit as a delay tactic, especially since it doesn't claim any monetary damages.

- PotashCorp CEO Bill Doyle predicted other bidders will come forward, but so far no white knight has emerged to challenge BHP.

The 45-page court filing paints a nefarious picture of BHP, arguing the company had been studying PotashCorp since 2001 but had "choked on the share price." To make the share price more palatable, BHP — one of the biggest mining companies in the world, with businesses ranging from coking coal to aluminum to diamonds — pledged to develop the first new potash mine in Saskatchewan in 40 years and flood the market with the mineral, PotashCorp alleged.

"BHP's announcements were strategically timed, intended to colour investors' views of the future for PCS, and designed to raise the spectre that BHP was the 800-pound gorilla about to become a major competitor of PCS," the filing said.

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U.S. bailout czar quits

Herb Allison, the head of the U.S. government's $700 billion financial bailout program, announced yesterday that he would resign.

Allison said in a letter to his colleagues in the Treasury Department's Office of Financial Stability that they had accomplished a great deal.

He said that the bailout fund, known as the Troubled Asset Relief Program, had proven to be remarkably successful in achieving its goal of stabilizing the U.S. financial system and laying the groundwork for an economic recovery.

Allison said he was stepping down to return to Connecticut. He will be succeeded on an interim basis by Tim Massad, who is currently the chief counsel and chief reporting officer for the bailout program.

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Sprott buys California brokerage

Toronto-based Sprott Inc. has agreed to swap $90 million worth of its shares and possibly more to acquire Rule Investments Inc., a California-based company with more than $1.3 billion US of client assets under management or administration.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

GM to sell Opels in S. America

General Motors Co.'s Opel unit says it will begin selling cars next year in Chile, its first Latin American market.

Opel increasingly is looking to markets beyond its European base as it works to return to profitability.

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Minister's comments rile U.K. business

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▶ Vince Cable said there was a danger the recovery could be "choked off" by British banks.

Raises accusations of rigged markets, short-term thinking

Pursuit of "the fast buck" is undermining Britain's economy, a government minister said yesterday as he announced a review of corporate governance, executive pay and takeovers.

Vince Cable, who heads the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills, spoke at the annual conference of the Liberal Democrats, the junior partner in Prime Minister David Cameron's Conservative-led coalition government.

"The government's agenda is not one of laissez-faire. Markets are often irrational or rigged," Cable said in excerpts of his speech released in advance.

"So I am shining a harsh light into the murky world of corporate behaviour."

Richard Lambert, director-general of the Confederation of British Industry, was disturbed by Cable's tone. "It's odd that he thinks it sensible to use such emotional language," Lambert said.

Cable's announcement highlights tensions within the coalition between the Liberal Democrats and Cameron's traditionally business-friendly Conservative Party. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Takeovers

British concern about takeovers has risen since U.S. giant Kraft Foods took over Cadbury, the 192-year-old British chocolate and candy company, earlier this year. Kraft caused great offence by promising to keep a Cadbury factory in southwest England open, a decision reversed once the takeover was secured.

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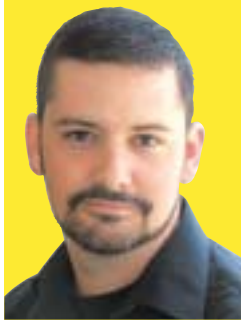

Prepare your best double take. Take a mouthful of water for a spit take. Put on your sunglasses and get ready to rip them off with a muttered, "My ... GOD."

Ready? I don't own a cellphone. I'll give you a moment for your heart to start beating again, then I'll up the ante: I have never owned a cellphone. I don't want a cellphone.

I gave this no thought until I went back to college two years ago. Two different teachers, making some point or another, asked everybody in class with a cellphone to raise their hands.

I was the lone holdout.

In both cases, the teacher asked, "What point are you trying to make?"

In both cases, I replied decisively with a series of blinks capped off with a devastating, "Uhhhhhh ..." It had never occurred to me this was an issue.

I was never making a statement, much as I might like to make money at a modern art show by labelling myself "Man Without Cell."

But a confession: I've since started to see the value of cellphones — mostly because they've made people lousy at setting up meetings. A friend will give directions like, "Let's meet downtown!" and I'll wander around with a question mark over my head knowing the first thing after "Hello" will be "If you had a cellphone ..."

"Inevitably, a friend will counter-argue, 'You can just turn off your phone.' Sure. And if I buy a cheeseburger it's only fattening if I eat it. Why would I carry a cellphone that I don't want to use?"

This perk — shutting up my smug friends — means I now need a rationale for going cellless.

Fortunately, I have one: I do not see the value in being reachable at all times.

Cellphones have made us all small-scale Batmans, expected to drop whatever we're doing as soon as Captain Coffeeshop or Commissioner Lawfirm calls.

Inevitably, a friend will counter-argue, "You can just turn off your phone."

Sure. And if I buy a cheeseburger it's only fattening if I eat it. Why would I carry a cellphone that I don't want to use?

Besides, in my experience it never works that way. How often have you heard a friend say, "I have to answer it. It's work."

Nobody ever says, "I have to answer it. It's spontaneous fun times with Keira Knightley."

Cellphones are a corporate leash. If you have any problem with that opinion, call me. Your call is important to me.

Read more of John Mazerolle's columns at metronews.ca/hesays

Cartoon

MICHAEL DE ADDER

The games we played

Letters & Tweets

We asked: What was your favourite game as a child?

TORONTO. My favourite childhood game was double dutch and any form of skipping.

I loved to jump rope so much because there were so many songs to skip to. You got a chance to show off your skills and dance moves, all the while skipping. It was a great time for social interaction with my friends.

To this day, I am in my 30s and still enjoy skipping. It keeps me in great shape. **ANGELA M.**

TORONTO. My favourite games were played on my first ever computer, a Commodore 64. I got it when I was 13 years old. Pac Man, Frogger, Summer Games — the list just kept going and going. Now, 20-plus years later (I've kept it in mint condition) my kids are fascinated with the old technology. Vintage is cool according to my seven-year-old son. **STEVE FINE**

TORONTO. My favourite game as a child was creating different imaginary worlds for my Barbie dolls. I thought it was fun and I got to decide what sort of place that imaginary world would be and also what sort of events would happen. **JHOBELL FAUSTINO**

Jumping for joy

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Who would you cast to play you in a movie? Why?

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Metro Minute with didgeridoos

You may have seen the guy who occasionally sits at the corner of King and Simcoe, blowing into that long, cylindrical musical instrument that sort of sounds like a bovine mating ritual. What you're actually seeing is a didgeridoo; it's an Australian wind instrument developed by the country's indigenous population about 1,500 years ago, and it's quickly replacing the bongos as this millennia's busking choice par excellence. To see what all the fuss is about, head to Kensington Market's Pedestrian Sunday this weekend for the first ever didgeridoo gathering. Musician Shane Philip will be on hand to show the kids how it's really done. **JORDANA DIVON**

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▶ Check out didgeridoos at Kensington Market's Pedestrian Sunday. The event runs from noon to 7 p.m.

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News in brief

Shania Twain is ready to talk about her recent divorce — and she'll do it in her autobiography. Twain will discuss much more than her recent split with music producer Robert "Mutt" Lange.
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Polaris founder rejects suggestion jury was weighted in favour of French albums

Australian actor Ryan Kwanten voices young owl abducted and corrupted in new animated film Legend of the Guardians: the Owls of Ga'Hoole
Role had True Blood hunk huffing, puffing and grunting

▶ Kludd, left, is voiced by Ryan Kwanten, right, in the new family fantasy adventure Legend of the Guardians: the Owls of Ga'Hoole.

Nature of the beast

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After three seasons of showing off his abs as Jason Stackhouse on HBO's True Blood, Australian actor Ryan Kwanten is letting his voice do the heavy lifting in the animated Legend of the Guardians: the Owls of Ga'Hoole, based on the popular book series. Kwanten stars as Kludd, a young owl abducted and corrupted by the malevolent Nyra (Helen Mirren). He sat down with Metro to talk about playing a bad guy, getting animated and the benefits of True Blood.

Even though he's ostensibly one of the villains, you don't consider Kludd an "evil" character

No, because I think it's such an overused word — and a misunderstood word. And I think Kludd is just more of a guy — well, an owl, I should say — searching for recognition, you know? I've read interviews with people who've played serial killers — not that Kludd's a serial killer by any stretch of the imagination — but you play the reality of the situation. And the sanity or insanity of the person is not for you to judge.

Since this is an animated film, did you work with your co-stars at all?

Never. We saw it yesterday for the first time. It was really interesting to see the sort of seamless dialogue and how natural it seemed, too. I guess they got so many hundreds of thousands of variations of the dialogue that at least one of them was going to match up.

So you didn't spend a lot of time with Helen Mirren?

Oh, we're best friends. Helen and I go way back. (laughs). On paper we have many, many scenes together, but in reality we never saw each other. That's the nature of the beast when it comes to animation.

How did you like doing your first animated film?

I thought it was really interesting to suspend disbelief beyond the normal realm, because already as actors you get told, "You're in a set, you're with another actor, you have your props. Now make this world real." And in the animation world, you don't have any of those things at your disposal. All you have is your voice. All sorts of various owl characteristics, we were doing. The huffing and puffing and the grunting. Kludd's full of all sorts of weird and wonderful noises.

Were you worried that the film might be a bit too intense for kids?

My thought is that it was never going to be your average kids animation film anyway. When you amalgamate the guys who brought you Happy Feet with Zack Snyder — and even the list of actors that he chose. It was never going to be your stock, standard one-dimensional family film. I didn't want to do that anyway. You sort of hope to push the boundaries.

How do you pick the films you do between seasons of True Blood?

I've fortunately gotten myself into the rare position now of being able to pick and choose things based on how they creatively inspire me, as opposed to when I first came out here. You sort of have to bite the bullet a little bit and just establish yourself. So I think fortunately True Blood has put me in the position now where I can demand roles on the basis of whether they inspire me or not. The beauty of it, too, is this hiatus I did two films, the last one I did four films. In fact I end up working harder on my so-called break than I do when I'm on the show.

Time to make the Saturday night Slice connection

Slice's Tori & Dean and The Real Housewives have more in common than meets the eye

▶ Tori & Dean

Tori Spelling's father Aaron, and Real Housewives of Washington, DC's Mary Schmidt Amons' grandfather, Arthur Godfrey, have both been nominated for Emmy awards.

▶ Real Housewives of Washington D.C.

Tori and Dean recently renewed their wedding vows, as did Ramona and Mario from the Real Housewives of New York City.

Washington's Mary Schmidt Amons, and New York City's Kelly Killoren Bensimon are both fashionistas and designers

Washington's Michaele Salahi and New Jersey's Danielle Staub are both being investigated for committing a federal offence

▶ Real Housewives of New York City.

New Jersey's Danielle Staub and New York's LuAnn des Lesseps are both trying to launch a music career.

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He said/she said

A rich playboy has the chance to win the affection of his childhood sweetheart, a super liberal humanitarian, in Running Wilde Opposites attract, but not without a whole lot of misunderstanding along the way

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The playboy

Steven Wilde,
played by **Will Arnett**
While it's easy to label the two main characters, Arnett insists there will be plenty of opportunities for Steven to show his redeemable qualities — and Emmy to come off as less than pious. "We didn't want them to be two-dimensional characters who were just standing for one thing. We wanted them to kind of both have sides to them," Arnett says.

The humanitarian

Emmy Kadubic,
played by **Keri Russell**
Not only are the main characters in Running Wilde seemingly complete opposites, this is a departure from the roles Russell, most notable as the star of the teen drama Felicity, usually takes. "I just wanted to be interested, and it was interesting to me," Russell explains why she wanted to try her hand at a sitcom. "I've been reading a lot of film scripts that just — they were more of the same, and the type of movies I really did want to make weren't being green-lit. This came my way, and it was just too good to pass up. And then I flew out and met (co-star Will Arnett and creator Mitch Hurwitz), and they were so wonderful. It was fresh and exciting, and I thought I'd try it."

AMBER RAY

The creator's two cents

"This is a true romantic comedy," says series creator Mitch Hurwitz, who previously worked with Arnett on Arrested Development. "(Will) really can play a wide range of things, but because he is so funny, and funny is such a striking quality, people tend to use that in movies. The fun for us in working with Will is finding those surprises and those dramatic moments, just like the fun with Keri is finding those moments where she's more comedic, where she's not the voice of reason. There's a lot of fun to be had with playing against type for both of them."

Meet Mr. and Mrs. Bloom

Married, running a catering business and bored, two ex-agents jump at the chance to return to the CIA in Citytv's Undercovers

Samantha Bloom

Alias: Gugu Mbatha Raw
Background: Actress, age 27, born in Oxford, England, and raised in Witney, Oxfordshire.
Previous work: M15, Dr. Who
"Undercovers" training: "For me, it was a relatively rapid casting process, but a lot of fight training," Mbatha-Raw says. "I got a chance to work with the stunt coordinator on martial arts styles, a little bit of a Capoeira. I come from a dance background. … So in terms of all of the fighting and kicking and that sort of thing, it's already part of my, you know, body chemistry."

Steven Bloom

Alias: Boris Kodjoe
Background: Actor, age 37, born in Vienna, Austria, and raised in Frieburg im Breisgau, Germany. Kodjoe came to America on a tennis scholarship at Virginia Commonwealth University.
Previous work: Soul Food: The Series.
"Undercovers" dream attainment level: "There's so many genres mixed in one that, as an actor, this is a once-in-a-lifetime situation. (For instance), we were shooting in a strip club, speaking three languages."

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Tierney holds court

After beating cancer, Maura Tierney stars in the legal drama The Whole Truth • Talks about why she prefers working with 'real friends'

▶ Maura Tierney stars in the new season The Whole Truth.

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Maura Tierney, beloved by TV audiences as Abby Lockhart in ER, didn't particularly have her mind set on returning to the small screen. But after successful treatment for breast cancer in early 2010 and learning her college friend, TV writer/producer Tom Donaghy, had written a role with her in mind for his new series The Whole Truth, she reconsidered.

"I probably have a new perspective on everything in general," Tierney says of her attitude post-recovery. "Tom and I are friends — like, actual, real friends, not Hollywood friends. We've known each other for over 20 years, and it's a priority for me now to be able to work with people who I really like and trust. It's too much time involved to not enjoy it."

In The Whole Truth, Tierney seems to love her new job. The actress plays Kathryn Peale, a deputy bureau chief in the Manhattan district attorney's office who frequently argues against her pal, Jimmy Brogan (Rob Morrow), a criminal defense lawyer.

"I'm healthy, so that sort of was that. And then I read the script, and I liked it."
MAURA TIERNEY, MATTER-OF-FACTLY EXPLAINING HER DECISION TO WORK ON THE WHOLE TRUTH

Each week, the two square off in the courtroom, with viewers discovering "the whole truth" about the crime — and whether or not the jury got the verdict right — in the episode's final scene.

"I really responded to the character that Tom wrote," says Tierney. "I thought it was a really, really appealing character because she has … such a great sense of humor, yet (is) so driven."

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TV Picks

The beauty and the geeks

DATE NIGHT. Canada's highest-rated comedy, The Big Bang Theory, returns with Sheldon going on his first-ever date. Sheldon's geeky love interest is played by Mayim Bialik, who starred in Blossom.

▶**The Big Bang Theory**
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Carell's last season starts

OFFICE ANTICS. Carell says this is the last year he plays irritating boss Michael Scott, who kicks off the season by annoying the office, as usual. They want the new office assistant fired because of his bad attitude, but Michael refuses.

▶**The Office**
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There's no business like Cho business

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An ex-TV psychic, a straight arrow, an arson specialist and a tech geek make up the crime-solving police unit in The Mentalist, a sleeper hit series, which premieres its third season tonight.

There's no such thing as dilly-dallying for agent Kimball Cho of the California Bureau of Investigation (CBI), the dry-witted investigator — played by Korean-American actor Tim Kang — whose deadpan humour and by-the-book demeanor have become an endearing character on the show.

"He's focused, driven and single-minded. He is basically about whatever bottom line there is in a case which is a resolution," Kang says. "There's a reason why he's the way he is now. We've just started to scratch the surface of various things in his past."

Cho's elusive past is revealed piece by piece in the series, which includes a stay at juvie, a military career and a history of gang involvement before he became a police officer.

Kang says he would love to see his character get out of his normal comfort zone this season, to get a reaction out of him.

"He always seems pretty put together so it would be nice to see him in a situation where he's kind of a little bit uncomfortable."

A bachelor living in L.A., Kang says he loves riding motorcycles and spends his free time at motor sports events, hanging out with friends and reading classic and American literature.

He got into acting later in life, signing up for a beginner's night course that he saw advertised on a sandwich board while living in San Francisco.

Kang says that as an actor, there are aspects of every character he plays that exist in his own personality, but unlike Cho, he says he doesn't live in such a stoic and focused part of his life all of the time.

He admits he smiles way too much to be like Cho. "I think Cho has smiled zero times this season thus far. Maybe he smiled twice."

Observe it

The third season of The Mentalist, Red Sky at Night, premieres tonight at 10 p.m. (9 C) on CTV.

▶ Tim Kang studied acting in Russia at the Moscow Theatre Art School and received an M.F.A. at the A.R.T Institute at Harvard University.

▶ Talk show queen Oprah Winfrey.

Burnett and Oprah team up

Producer set to create weekly talk show for Oprah's cable network

TV producer Mark Burnett is creating a weekday talk show for Oprah Winfrey's forthcoming cable channel.

The network said Tuesday that the show will have a panel format and feature multiple hosts. The show doesn't have a name yet and is scheduled to premiere in January.

Burnett, who counts Survivor and The Apprentice among his many credits, was already signed by the new network to produce a show that will search for the next big TV personality.

Winfrey's cable network will launch on Jan. 1.

Its full name is OWN: The Oprah Winfrey Network. A joint venture of Winfrey's Harpo Inc. and Discovery Communications Inc., it will replace the Discovery Health channel. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Oprah does Sesame

Oprah Winfrey will be sounding off when she lends her famous voice to the season opener of Sesame Street. Sesame Workshop has announced that Winfrey will voice an animated segment called The O Show. In the spoof, the letter O will host her own talk show with guests including Otto the Orangutan and Ophelia the Octopus. Sesame Street debuts its 41st season on Sept. 27. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Thomas launches women's website

AOL is partnering with Marlo Thomas for a website of her own.

Thomas says the site, which officially launched yesterday, is aimed at women over 35.

The well-known actress and social activist says the goal is for her to talk to the nation's women — and get them talking back. She says she wants women to feel "there's lots of dreaming yet to go."

She describes the site as video-heavy, including live streaming chat and user-submitted video, and says she wants to share ideas. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Meyers to host ESPY awards

Seth Meyers is returning to the ESPY Awards as host next year. The anchor of Weekend Update on Saturday Night Live will handle the sports gig for the second consecutive year. The show honouring the year's best sports moments airs live on ESPN on July 13 from the Nokia Theatre in Los Angeles. This year. the comic worked jokes about Tiger Woods' sex scandal. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

D'Onofrio returns to Law & Order

Law & Order: Criminal Intent is coming back for its tenth — and possibly last — season, with former star Vincent D'Onofrio on board.

USA Network said Tuesday that D'Onofrio, who left the series after season eight, will return as police Detective Robert Goren.

Criminal Intent, part of the successful Law & Order franchise created by Dick Wolf, started on NBC.

Eight new episodes will air in 2011 and are intended to wrap up the series.

An air date for Criminal Intent wasn't announced. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

▶ Vincent D'Onofrio

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Community before career

Straight from Pottsville: Joey and Rory built a place for neighbours to gather before pursuing a music career

When Rory Feek and his wife Joey moved to rural area of Pottsville, Tenn., 45 miles south of Nashville they knew four people and were isolated from their neighbours.

Then they opened Marcy Jo's Mealhouse in an old general store with Rory's sister, Marcy Gary.

"We thought that it would give us a chance to meet a couple of neighbours and bring something to our community," Rory Feek said. "Not only did we meet hundreds and hundreds of people, but they've met each other. And so it's really become a hub of our community."

That community is at the centre of Joey + Rory's new single and video, This Song's For You, from their new Album Number Two.

Pottsville's residents have been there for every step of the couple's surprise, feel-good music career and they figure heavily in the latest video. There's Cowboy Dan, the first customer at Marcy Jo's, the local judge, the mayor, a mechanic, a couple of grandmothers, a farmer and a few dozen others.

It's the Feeks' way of giving back for all the support their new friends have given them since they opened the restaurant about three years ago.

"A year after that we get cast on this TV show (Can You Duet? on CMT) and our whole community rallies and roots for us," Rory Feek, 45, said.

Pottsville used to be a bustling little place. Highway 431 runs through its heart and was once the main thoroughfare to get to Nashville from points south before the nearby interstate came along. Marcy Jo's is in a building that dates back to 1891 and used to house a general store.

"This is where people came and got all their goods," Joey Feek said. "They sold shoes in the back and clothes."

It's had many lives since. The Feek family acquired it and went to work, doing most of the renovations themselves.

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tourist stop

Local aren't the only folks who can be found at Marcy Jo's. Tourists from out of state have started swelling the ranks since Joey and Rory began gaining attention with their first album, The Life Of A Song.

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▶ In this April 10, 2010 photo, Joey Feek, right, and Rory Feek of Joey + Rory pose for a portrait in Columbia, Tenn.

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Chromeo slips into Business Casual

Electro rock duo are serious about making catchy, ambitious music

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If you're wondering who to thank for all the attention soft rock icons Hall and Oates have been getting lately, talk to Montreal/New York duo Chromeo. The band has been espousing the greatness of the 80s pop group for years and they're not about to stop.

"When we started doing interviews we would talk about Hall and Oates and now they're a Pitchfork band," says Dave Macklovitch, who goes by the moniker Dave 1. "Daryl Hall would be the first to tell you that we get partial credit for that."

Thanks to all that talk, and the band's soft rock electro sounds, many thought the group (which also includes Patrick Gemayel, or P-Thugg) were a joke band. But now, with their third disc, it's clear they're serious about the sounds they make.

Macklovitch admits that it was a challenge to get their music across at first, but thanks to the White Stripes they didn't give up.

"I learned that you had to stay consistent," he says on the phone from San Diego. "No one thought Jack White was ironic, but he's just as retro and cheeky as we are. He blew up by doing exactly the same thing, staying super consistent and with longevity came mass acceptance."

"We really admired the White Stripes for what they did to rehabilitate a part of the musical cannon. We thought we could do that with Cameo and Rick James." DAVE MACKLOVITCH

Major influence

Everything you need to know about Hall & Oates:

- **Chromeo makes no** secret that Hall & Oates have been a major influence on them. But, while Daryl Hall and John Oates were popular in the 80s it's only now that they're coming back. So who is this band?
- **Hall and** Oates met in Philadelphia, at a battle of the bands where their groups were competing against each other. The two became fast friends and realized they had similar music tastes. They soon started recording together, though their first discs were flops.
- **Once they** honed their soul-meets-soft pop sound they exploded. Their huge hits include Private Eyes, Maneater and Rich Girl. But around the mid-80s they fell out favour and became, for many people, a pop culture joke.

It doesn't hurt that their new record, Business Casual, is an excellent collection of soft rock tunes. The Lionel Ritchie-like Don't Turn the Lights on would have been a huge hit 25 years ago, while the rest of the album stays within 80s dance rock territory. It's their most musical album yet, and that's intentional.

"We wanted to conquer new musical territory," says Macklovitch. "It's not just about the catchy tunes, it's also about some real musical s—."

Macklovitch admits there are still some people who don't get the band. But that doesn't bother him — they're playing sold out shows, creating ambitious music videos and, most importantly, helping people procrastinate. "We're making something that will make you smile," he says. "It makes procrastination worthwhile."

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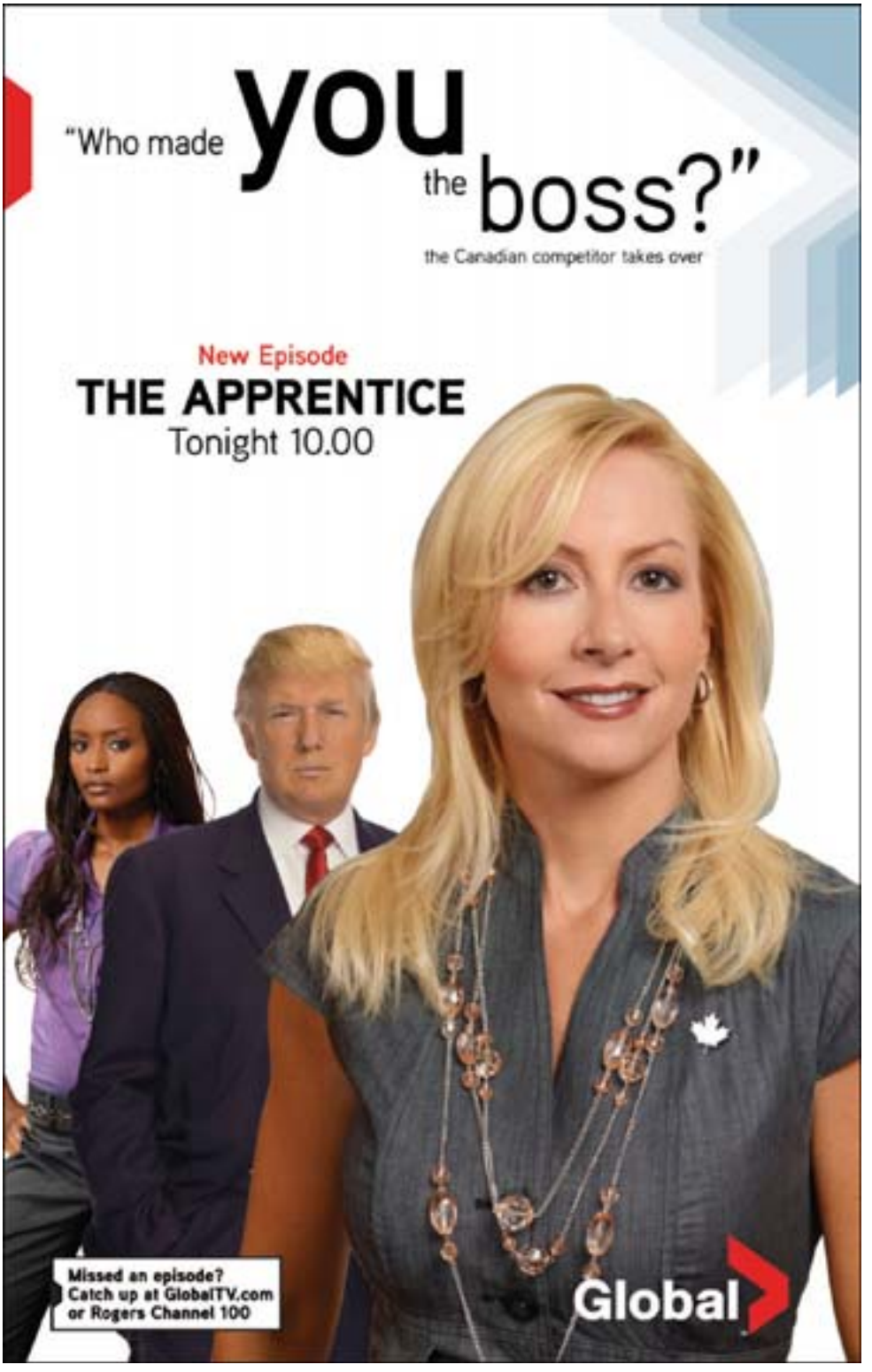
▶ P-Thugg (Patrick Gemayel) and Dave 1 (David Macklovitch) are Chromeo.



Album reviews

A classic ●●●●● | Buy it ●●●● | Get the single ●●● | Borrow it ●● | Don't bother ●

Zac Brown Band
Album: You Get What You Give **Label:** Atlantic
●●½
If you've got a hankering for inoffensive pop country then check out the Zac Brown Band's latest. The Grammy-award winning act has made a name for itself by doling out easily digestible twang with lyrics about relaxing and sitting on the beach. Picture Jack Johnson playing country music and you'll get the idea. It's actually not bad — most non-country fans will be able to listen to this without retching — but it doesn't do much to advance the genre's cause. It's pleasant, but ultimately forgettable.
Outstanding track: No Hurry
● BRYAN BORZYKOWSKI

Superchunk
Album: Majesty Shredding
Label: Merge
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After nine years of focusing on their label, Merge, and signing the likes of Arcade Fire and Spoon, indie rock icons Superchunk get back in the game with an album that lives up to its name. Returning as if the hiatus was from 1993, the 'Chunk abolish the rule that rock 'n' roll is a young person's game. Leaving their feet on the distortion pedals and letting it rip, they're not just reliving their heyday on their ninth album, they're reclaiming it. **Outstanding track:** Everything At Once
● CAM LINDSAY

Maroon 5 takes a step back

Maroon 5
Album: Hands All Over
Label: Universal
●●
There's no sort of liking Maroon 5 — you either love them or hate their guts and their new album won't do anything to change either camp's mind. Like their pervious efforts, Hands All Over sees the band tackle a faux-soul pop sound that's nauseated their haters but sent their fans to the dance floor.

The band have made no progress from their last disc, the multi-platinum 2007 record It Won't Be Soon Before Long; if anything they've taken a step back. Levine's wavering falsetto seems like it's grasping for a hook, but it rarely finds one.

The bouncy rock number Stutter is one of the more grating songs on the disc — Levine channels Rihanna on the verse, while the chorus is 8th-grade middling pop. Ballad Just a Feeling is a low point; it's hard to imagine why anyone would get excited about this over earnest soft rock number. However, they do fare better on another ballad: the quiet, R&B-sounding tune I Can't Lie. Single Misery is also a bright spot. It's one of the only songs that gets across the funk. But overall this is the same old thing. And fans will buy it in droves.
Outstanding track: Misery
● BRYAN BORZYKOWSKI

John Legend with The Roots
Album: Wake Up
Label: Sony
●●●●
John Legend got all caught up in the moment of U.S. President Barack Obama's election two years ago and started mining the record racks for '60s and '70s politically tinged soul. Joining Legend is R&B super band The Roots. Together they pull off some real gems, including Eugene McDaniels' Compared to What, Marvin Gaye's Wholy Holy, Nina Simone's I Wish I Knew How It Would Feel to be Free and Bill Withers' anti-Vietnam song, I Can't Write Left Handed. All the truly talented artists, like John Legend, seem to be going retro. Are they trying to tell us something? Like today's pop music sucks? Hmmm.
Outstanding track: I Can't Write Left Handed
● GRAHAM ROCKINGHAM

Santana
Album: Guitar Heaven: The Greatest Guitar Classics of All Time **Label:** Sony/Arista
●●●
Classic indulgence from one of the rock era's greatest guitarists, with a little help from vocal friends like Rob Thomas (Sunshine of Your Love), Joe Cocker (Little Wing) Soundgarden's Chris Cornell (Whole Lotta Love), Red Hot Chili Peppers' Andy Vargas (Under the Bridge) and Creed's Scott Stapp (Fortunate Son). Nobody's going to argue with Santana's right to put his own brand on these tracks. Few match the originals but several come close. A few tracks may leave you scratching your head. A hip hop version of Back in Black? What was he thinking?. **Outstanding track:** Can't You Hear Me Knocking (Rolling Stones) with Scott Weiland.
● GRAHAM ROCKINGHAM

Spirits abound in Thai film

Palm D'or-winning Thai director tackles life and death in new film

▶ A scene from Uncle Boonmee Who Can Recall His Past Lives.

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When Apicatpong Weerasathakul became the first Thai director to win the Palme D'or at this year's Cannes Film Festival, it was a major news story, not only because of the difficulties that the director experienced trying to get a travel visa to accept the award in person.

It's very possible that Uncle Boonmee Who Can Recall His Past Lives — which begins an exclusive engagement today at the TIFF Bell Lightbox — is the most radical and challenging film to be so honoured at Cannes. As such, it has left commentators demanding an explanation of its enigmatic contents.

"Of course I have my own feelings about (what the movie means)," says the 40- year old filmmaker. "But I don't want to put a frame around these ideas, because I want the audience's mind to be open and fresh. But it does seem like waste of time to fly here and then not say anything about my movie."

Apichatpong explains that his film's elegantly structured account of a dying farmer visited by spirits is informed by Thai beliefs about reincarnation and spirituality, and that the casual nature of the story's supernatural elements — like the glowing-eyed monkey-ghost that has become the movie's signature image — reflects a larger cultural attitude.

"It is very prevalent in our fables that people's loved ones can come back from the dead and visit them," he says. "There is no line separating the living and the dead."

Even as it combines these genre elements with a pointed political critique, Uncle Boonmee is for its creator first and foremost a personal film.

"In many ways, the film is about me saying farewell, about memories of my father, who died of the same thing that [is making Boonmee] sick. I hope that people can relate to them because we all share certain experiences."

John Gotti Jr. sells rights to life story

Hollywood has produced no shortage of movies and TV shows about the mob, but this one's coming straight from the most high-profile source imaginable: John (Junior) Gotti has sold the rights to his life story.

The 46-year-old son of the late, legendary Gambino crime family leader, "Dapper Don" John Gotti, has agreed to a deal with the independent production company Fiore Films.

Financial details weren't made available because of a signed nondisclosure agreement, but a film about Gotti's life is in the works with a production budget of $15 million.

Gotti was tried four times since 2005 for racketeering, with each trial ending in a hung jury.

He was released from prison in December after serving nine years in a previous racketeering case. He has said he left the life of organized crime in 1999.

These days, he's simultaneously working on a book and a screenplay with actor-writer Leo Rossi.

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▶ John Gotti Jr.

Welcoming Frosh

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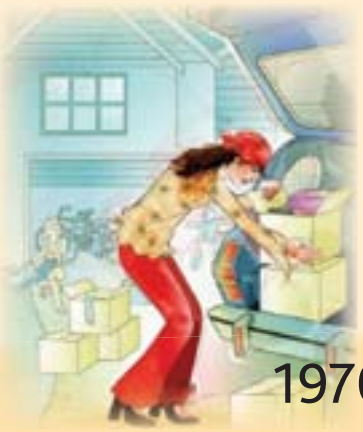
Fun and frolic

- **Top Left:** A new student at Ryerson plays a round of mini-putt.
- **Top Right:** Students at U of T playing Twister.
- **Bottom Left:** Ryerson students checking out the Metro Toronto and Sony Ericsson booth.
- **Bottom Right:** York U. students get tangled in a game of Twister near Metro and Sony Erickson's frosh week booth.



Beckham boy not into football

Son Romeo says he wants to go the fashion route

At least one of David Beckham's three sons won't be following him into the family business, as eight-year-old Romeo Beckham is reportedly taking after his mother, Victoria Beckham, and pursuing a career in fashion — and is even launching his own line of sunglasses, according to the New York Daily News. "Romeo has a real eye for fashion," a sources says. "He has strong opinions on what works and what doesn't, and has been badgering David and Victoria for months about designing his own sunglasses. It is no passing whim. Victoria said she'd only back the project if he was certain he wanted to do it."
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▶ David and Victoria.

Demi and Ashton take strong stance on unfaithful rumours

Demi Moore is reportedly going on the offensive about rumours that her marriage to Ashton Kutcher is on the rocks, according to People magazine. Kutcher paid a very public visit to Moore on the set of her new movie. "She gushes over Ashton," a source says. "You could hear them laughing in her trailer." Meanwhile, the couple is fuming over tabloid reports claiming Kutcher has been unfaithful. METRO

▶ Demi and Ashton.

Talking points

Lindsay Lohan could be in jail by weekend

COURT. Lindsay Lohan is heading to court Friday to answer for her two failed drugs test, she may find herself behind bars by the weekend, sources tell TMZ. The L.A. County Probation Department is reportedly recommending that Judge Elden Fox send the troubled actress to jail for the violations. Each failed drug test carries a possible 30-day jail sentence, which could keep Lohan in the slammer until Thanksgiving.
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Paris denied entry in Japan

COCAINE. Thanks to her recent conviction for cocaine possession, Paris Hilton is not welcome in Japan. The heiress was detained by officials there when she arrived in the country early this week, and after six hours at the airport, Hilton was denied entry into the country and sent back to the U.S., according to Hollyscoop. "Paris is very disappointed and fought hard to keep her business commitments and see her fans, but she is forced to postpone her commitments in Asia," he rep says. "Paris understands and respects the rules and laws of the immigration authorities in Japan and fully wishes to cooperate with them."
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Sandra Bullock badmouthing James' ex?

HEARSAY. Sandra Bullock has reportedly been trash-talking Jesse James' ex-wife, Janine Lindemulder, according to court documents obtained by TMZ. Lindemulder claims that the Oscar-winning actress been badmouthing her in front of her daughter, Sunny. According to the documents, Sunny said to Lindemulder, "Sandy said that you lied to the police and that's why you went to jail."
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Jean drops bid for Haiti presidency

DROP OUT. Wyclef Jean's bid to be president of Haiti is officially done, according to Us Weekly, as the singer and producer has pulled out of the race. "This was not an easy conclusion to reach; but it is one that was thoughtfully made, taking into account many, many competing factors and weighing the course that will best advance the healing of the country and help it find the quickest path to recovery."
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Celebrity tweets

Ashley Greene [@Ashley MGreene] My Tuesday feels like a Sunday...

Justin Bieber [@justin-bieber] Where's Waldo?

Alyssa Milano [@Alyssa_ Milano] Just talked a woman out of buying a fur jacket. Phew.

Conan O'Brien [@Conan OBrien] It was so foggy in L.A. this morning, I accidentally kissed Matthew Perry on the street. Accidentally.

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REDUCE STRESS AROUND YOUR FINANCES

Heather Porritt, 23, is careful about every dollar she earns and spends.

Heather Porritt, left, hitting the books with a friend

Porritt, who is completing a science degree at Concordia University in Montreal, has handled her finances ever since she started her post secondary education five years ago. As a freshman, "I had no idea about how to manage money... that was something parents did." But Porritt learned that taking charge of finances was important not only to her bank account but to her peace of mind. "If I don't have a handle on my money, I start to freak out."

Porritt always has a budget on paper that she tries to follow. She uses a "cheap and convenient" bike to get around (she won't even consider the cost of a car). She shares an apartment in the city with three other girls and doesn't spend much on clothes.

The coming year will be a particularly challenging one money-wise. Like 75 percent of students, Porritt says that working while going to university definitely affects her grades. For that reason, she has decided not to work part-time during the school semesters and to "just focus on studying." She says she'll rely on the money she saved during a summer job, and she'll have to borrow money too.

"The student experience brings so many new found responsibilities, and at first, it can be tough to manage them all," says Kavita Joshi, director, Student Banking, RBC. "But keeping up your grades, living on your own and balancing a budget can be managed – with planning. Smart saving and spending habits can help keep everything in balance, thereby freeing up more time for studying and enjoying the university or college experience."

MANAGING TO DE-STRESS

In a recent RBC survey, two-thirds of students said that worrying about money had an impact on their grades. Here are money management tips that can help reduce the worry.

1. BE CLEAR ABOUT YOUR FINANCIAL OPTIONS *Research all the funding resources available to you. Parents often contribute, and many students use their own money. Research scholarships, bursaries and grants, many of which do not have to be paid back. There are student loans, and banks have reduced rate accounts and other products for students too – be sure to ask about them.*

2. BE CREATIVE *The real key to figuring out how you want to finance your education starts with knowing yourself and the amount of debt you are comfortable with, says Joshi. "Everyone has to find their right combination of alternate sources of funding. For example, you can work part-time, take on debt, or stretch studies over an additional semester so you can work as well. It has to work for you."*

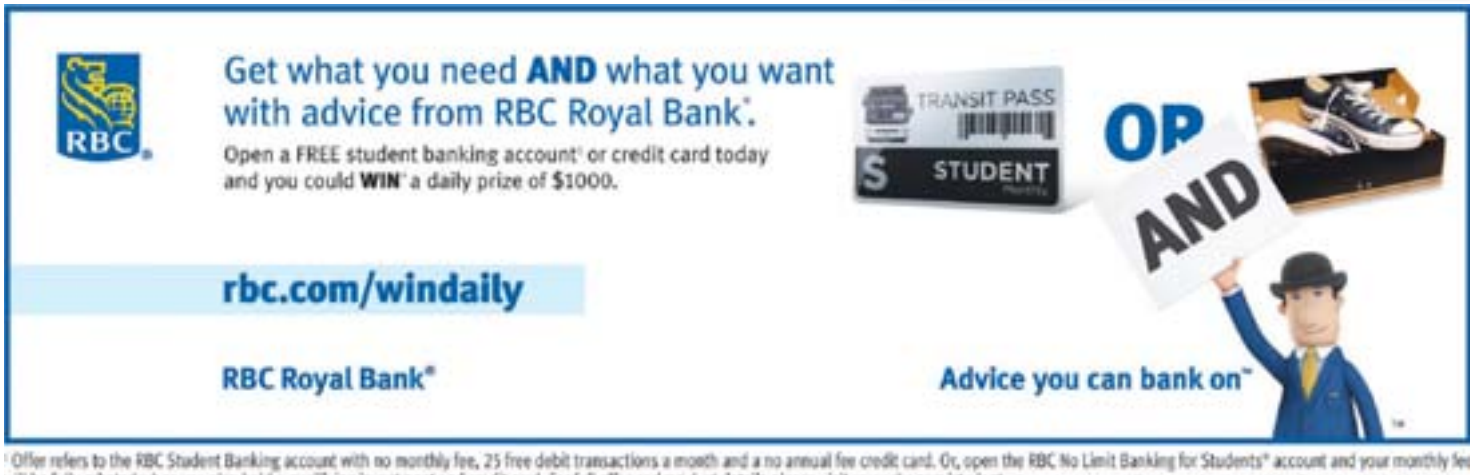
3. WRITE IT DOWN *Create a budget by writing down all your sources of income and all planned expenses. Various management tools are available that can help. For example, RBC recently introduced myFinanceTracker, an online tool that will help keep tabs on your monthly spending in an easy-to-read graphical representation. For more information, visit www.rbcroyalbank.com/myfinancetracker/*

4. TAKE CONTROL OF YOUR MONEY *Use your budget to live within your means and avoid unnecessary debt, says Joshi. Identifying all of your expenses will show you how much you are spending – and what you are spending your money on. Knowing where your money goes makes it easier to manage your money and make spending decisions more effectively.*

5. PRIORITIZE *Keep an especially close eye on discretionary expenses, which can add up quickly. When looking at what and how you want to spend money, be sure to consider how important the purchase is to you. As a result, you'll be making informed spending decisions, says Joshi.*

6. FIND BALANCE *Just because you are cash-strapped doesn't mean you can't find ways to enjoy yourself. There are lots of events that are free, and having dinners at home with friends is a great, cost effective way to unwind.*

For more money management tips and tools, visit ***www.betterstudentlife.ca***



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▶ The North African feel kicked off Milan Fashion Week.

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Against the backdrop of a warm, Indian summer day, Frida Gianni kicked Milan Fashion Week off with a bold, polished start.

The show was in step with the season's trends with its slightly seventies flavored glamour and omnipresent fringe.

But it stood apart with a cornucopia of rich, jewel-tone colors including emerald green, turquoise and ruby and blush tones. Tassle and rope embellishments gave it all a vaguely North African feel.

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3 life

Stella

Stella McCartney has already teamed up with the Gap to create children's lines, but now the British designer is taking the plunge on her own. A preview video has been posted on .stellamccartney kids.com, where users can also register to get a sneak peek at the line's look.

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THE PAST MEETING

An awful lot has happened since Domenico Dolce and Stefano Gabbana founded their brand 25 years ago. The luxury market tanked and the Internet turned fashion's Old Guard on its head. Unlike most, Dolce & Gabbana have embraced the change. They explain how.

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▶ The spring '10 show was a return to the brand's roots. Gabbana says, "in these difficult moments ... -- everyone needs to look at things that make them feel safe."

Last October, Domenico Dolce and Stefano Gabbana put on one of the most talked-about women's wear shows of the season.

It was a full-on extravaganza, with a show stopping crimson and black collection that looked to the brand's Sicilian heritage.

It was also a definitive moment in fashion's relationship to the Internet, complete with a front row featuring some of the industry's most popular bloggers and an elaborate high-tech production that projected the show's backstage happenings on giant screens.

Weeks and weeks worth of gossipy Tweets, hyper-analytical newspaper "think pieces" and magazine trend stories ensued.

Nearly a year later, the designers opened up to us about their connection with the past and their newfound obsession with the digital future.

What are your earliest memories of fashion? How do those memories inform your work now?

Domenico Dolce: I was born in Polizzi Generosa, a small town in Sicily. My father was a tailor and my mother had a shop where she sold clothing, fabrics and curtains; it was like an emporium. Since she was very busy with her job, she brought my cradle to my father's tailoring studio. So I grew up among needles and threads. I didn't play with soldiers and car toys, but with clothes. I made my first pair of trousers when I was only 7 years old.

Stefano Gabbana: I didn't study fashion and my family was involved in something completely different. I started my career studying graphic design. I got my degree and after six months of work I understood that graphic design wasn't what I wanted. On the contrary, I loved fashion, even if I wasn't very familiar with it. I loved Fiorucci and ripped jeans.

Many fashion designers have tried to grasp the blogosphere, but few have embraced it the way you have. What prompted you to seat bloggers in your front row last season and were you surprised by the reaction?

SG: We decided to open up our front row to bloggers because we wanted to communicate a strong message and if you believe in something you have to move forward with it even if this means breaking the rules. We had good feedback, even though we were expecting these strong kinds of reactions. We were also surprised by the amount of people who watched the Pre-Show diaries on our Web site.

DD: The Internet and the blogs represent a new way of communicating that we need and want to take into consideration for our work.

It was considered a turning point in fashion's relationship to the Internet. Do you consider it that way?

SG: In the past, people didn't trust the power of the

THE FUTURE

Internet. That's because in the luxury world the sensations that a product gives you are important or even more important than the product itself.

DD: For us, new technologies have always been important. But we always need to study and examine new things to figure out how they work. First of all, we had to understand who the blogs' readers were, what they were expecting from a blog and the language that they use.

SG: We had to find a way to communicate these sensations through a video and this was not easy because the fashion world has always been for few people, while the Internet has always been democratic.

What are your favourite Web sites?

SG: ... For my gossip fix I go to Perez Hilton–

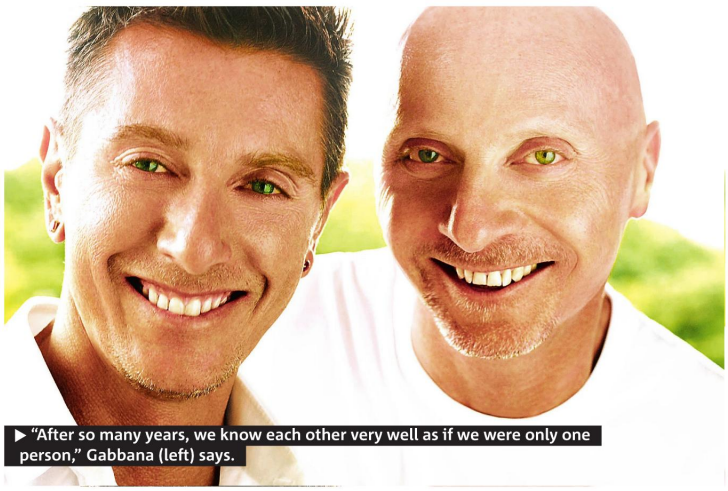
DD: — and the fashion blogs of course. We love BryanBoy, The Sartorialist, Garance Doré and Tommy Ton's pictures on his blog, Jack & Jil.

Does the Internet influence the way you work at all?

SG: The Internet doesn't influence our way of working, but our way of communicating. It's so fast and quick, handy and immediate. In the Internet, you can find everything, it is a perfect way to do research, but when we design we still use paper and pencils.

You launched both your men's and women's lines during times of crisis. In your opinion, how is this downturn different from the others?

SG: This financial crisis seems so strong because people had reached high standards of life and desires. The market was completely full and couldn't hold up anymore.



▶ "After so many years, we know each other very well as if we were only one person," Gabbana (left) says.

Your last women's collection and your most recent men's collection seemed to return to your roots, would you agree? Why did you feel the need to look back?

SG: I totally agree. 25 years ago we did the first Dolce & Gabbana women's collection and when we started creating our spring/summer 2010 collection we felt the desire to look back at our past.

DD: Sometimes to understand yourself, what you're really like and who you are, you need to experiment and follow different ways. But with this collection we wanted to go back to the Dolce & Gabbana DNA. Both the men's and women's collections, can be summed up in three words: Sicily, tailoring and tradition.

SG: Our fashion reflects how we are, but in these difficult moments, we know that everyone needs to look at things that make them feel safe.

Madonna is starring in your latest ad campaign. What about Madonna inspired that selection?

DD: We have the same way of working. She is a control freak as we are. She is always involved in all the things she does. She is never afraid of saying what she thinks. And we love her for that!

A love story

Dolce & Gabbana on their campaign star Madonna

- **SG:** We met her in 1991 in New York, in a restaurant called Da Silvano. I was so nervous that before our meeting I smoked a cigarette all in one go.
- **DD:** After that first meeting, we became close and started working together, for her Girlie Show Tour. We designed more than 1,500 costumes.
- **SG:** We went from "Ray of Light" through to the "Confessions on a Dance Floor" and "Hard Candy" album covers. We worked on many projects together.

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London Fashion week Continues

love affair with the '70s

Metro takes a look at the designers and styles bound to make fashion waves during Spring/Summer 2011

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This season, the differences between New York and London Fashion Weeks seem especially pronounced. Maybe it was the slickness of New York's location in the grand, almost regal, Lincoln Center, but London is feeling a bit more down to earth in a fun way — like going out to a nightclub after an evening spent at the ballet. The editors here in England are smiling more, the fashion doesn't seem to take itself quite so seriously. London is the necessary yin to New York's yang.

1 UNIQUE

Topshop's in-house line continued the season's love of the '70s with dreamy, glam, slightly Stevie Nicks-ish dresses and flared, billowing trousers in orange, amber, red, caramel and yellow. In the beginning, they came in painterly prints, but later transitioned into cleaner, pared down silhouettes in white and black. Highlights included a cream, distressed denim jacket with a fringed back that is sure to be a hit on the sales floor. On the beauty front, the models wore fantastically frizzy, Fro-y Guy Bourdin-inspired hair, which we've seen quite a bit this season and frankly love.

2 PPQ

Wildly graphic prints in bright yellow, purple, blue, fucshia and orange and up-beat details such as ruffles and peplums gave this show a kind of late '70s good-time feel, with a North African undercurrent.

The clothes weren't always the most wearable (see the orange dress with the cut-outs along the side) but one doesn't exactly go to PPQ for the office wardrobe anyway.

3 TWENTY8TWELVE

With Jude Law creating a paparazzi flurry front row beside Matthew Williamson, Sienna and Savannah Miller showed a tight collection of fun, leg-revealing dresses and shorts.

The sisters showed vacation-perfect maxi dresses, but the shorter looks were the real star of the show.

The easy, summer pieces filled a need for all of those girls out there who won't necessarily want to buy into the season's ubiquitous longer hemlines.

Highlights included a denim, button-down dress with a ruffled petticoat.

4 BASSO & BROOKE

The looks ranged from '60s short-hemmed shifts to floaty '70s style dresses. For the most part, the colour palette was one of muted, pastel tones which were occasionally interspersed with electric blue, steel gray and orange among others. However, it wasn't the colour, which were making the statement but rather the trompe l'oeil floral prints and literary scripture, which adorned the majority of the collection.

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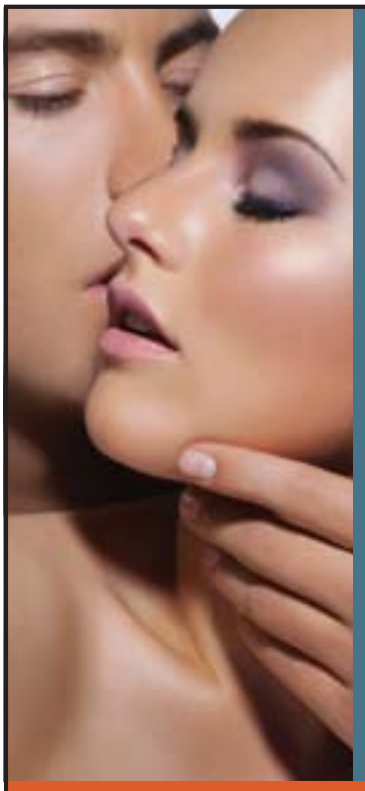

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Burberry unveils latest collection

Actors, tennis stars and musicians flocked to the Burberry Prorsum show that was the centrepiece of London Fashion Week on Tuesday, but the focus was on designer Christopher Bailey's new creations.

The Burberry fashion czar built on recent successes with studded biker jackets, leather-trimmed trench-style minidresses, and vibrant hot shots of colours like turquoise, lime green and purple for the spring and summer 2011 collection.

It was a cutting edge, sexy look, with a few references back to the brand's storied heritage, and a few hints of military wear, but brought up-to-date. Many of the models wore skintight leather trousers with quilted patterns — they needed help getting in and out of the outfits.

Bailey dipped into the company archives for inspiration, adapting the designs for motorcycle wear created by company icon Thomas Burberry. The fusion of classic design with modern accent has come to be a Bailey trademark, channelling the company's past and delicately guiding it forward.

▶ A model presents an outfit by Burberry Prorsum at London Fashion Week

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Sparks launches women's line

Philip Sparks is expanding his brand into the world of womenswear for the forthcoming spring season.

The Canadian designer's 30-piece collection is slated to preview during womenswear market week in New York running from Sept. 20-26, before being presented in Toronto on Oct. 13.

"Women have been asking us to do this for a few seasons but we wanted to get it right"
PHILIP SPARKS

"Women have been asking us to do this for a few seasons but we wanted to get it right," Sparks said in a statement. "We've quietly been showing the collection to retailers for the past two months and the feedback has been fantastic."

The line will have a menswear-inspired influence, reinterpreting the mix of suiting, shirts and casual fabrics in the men's collection with tailored separates, dresses, knits and denim.

In addition to creating Canadian-made clothing and accessories, Sparks's company also partners with Town Shoes on a line of Philip Sparks-branded footwear.

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▶ Billy Reid spring collection

Men's spring styles

Designers offered a broad range for men at New York Fashion Week, but they seemed to agree on one thing: flood pants are back.

Duckie Brown rolled a casual drop-crotch slack above the ankle in dark grey. Gant by Michael Bastian cut a more formal pant in nearly the same colour significantly north of the shoes, and 3.1 Philip Lim included an ankle-grazing hipster trouser in dusty blue.

Forget the age-old beef of repeats from season to season. There was a dominant love of preppy for spring mixed with minimalist, metrosexual and jock.

There was sometimes a costume feel to the collections, but more often than not they found a way to marry the love of vintage with a present day sensibility.

Interesting twists on classics included a linen double-breasted sport jacket in navy houndstooth.

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Tridel targets young professionals and first-time homebuyers with West Village **For designer Marlene Makowka, pizzazz and homely atmosphere are not mutually exclusive**

▶ West Village's model suites reference the past while staying true to modern appeal.

Back to classics in West Village

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An eclectic mix of classical elements feels new again at West Village proving that whimsy and wow factor don't have to be mutually exclusive.

Designer and principal Marlene Makowka of Hefele Makowka Design Associates Inc. created a model suite that referenced past designs while staying true to modern appeal to resonate with West Village's target market.

"The inspiration here was to create something that was very current-looking that young professionals and first-time buyers could aspire to but also feel like they really wanted to live in. We wanted something that was a bit of pizzazz and glamour yet still exuded an inviting, comfortable feeling that was tangible," Makowka said.

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"We tried to stay away from the traditional beige tones and focused instead on taupe tones that would let us create a neutral enough background to incorporate mirrors, stainless steels and acrylics," Makowka said.

In the master bedroom, Makowka upped the comfort level by going with richer tones and textures like the plum velvet chair and woven fabric headboard.

"Because it's the bedroom we wanted to bring in additional warmth so we've taken the colour palette and deepened it to achieve that. The bedding and walls are a deeper tone than what we have in the living area and by changing up the textures we add a bit of warmth and interest," Makowka said.

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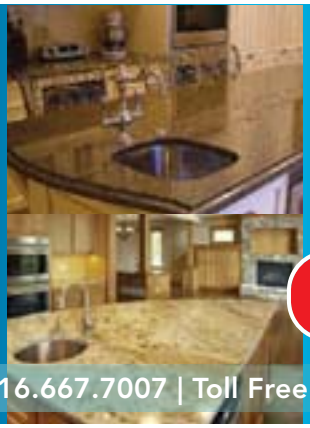

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Manny Neubacher and Anya Shor, founders of The Art Stylists — a Toronto-based free art consultation service providing art solutions for homes businesses and event spaces — say the number one rule when choosing art is to pick something that speaks to you. In essence, you should love it. After all, you'll be looking at it every day.

"Art is the quickest way to change the feeling in a room," explains Shor, adding that if you have a specific wall in mind for where the art will go, measure it so you know your limitations. "If you select a piece that's too large or too small for the wall it will look odd," she adds.

One way to really add impact to a hallway or dining room wall is by hanging multiple pieces of art in a gallery style.

"But you need to make sure all the art pieces work with one another in some way," says Shor. Whether it's the subject matter, colour, size or framing, there should be one element that ties them all together in an interesting way.

When it comes to small spaces, Neubacher says: "Try not to overwhelm it with a frame that is too loud or too strong, unless everything else is minimal and subdued."

And always be sure to have a firm budget in place. "It's great to know how much you want to spend on your art before you start looking," advises Neubacher.

The Canadian Art Gallery Hop (a tour with talks) takes place this Sat., Sept 25; canadianart.ca.

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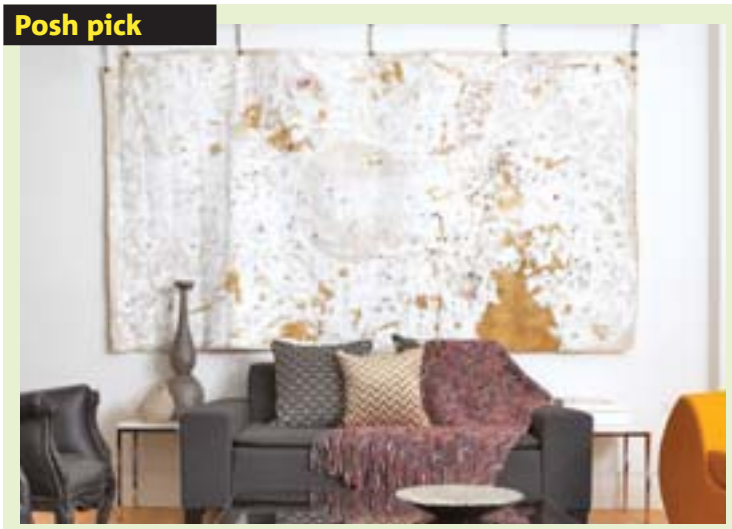

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▶ Fragrances at home can bring back happy memories, one expert says.

You may have sensed, pardon the pun, that there are hundreds of new home fragrance products in stores. The industry has sniffed out a trend: We’re spending more time at home, and we want our rooms to smell good.

“Good” might mean clean, or exotic, or even yummy. Always wanted to visit a Moroccan bazaar? Craving a spa day? Comforted by the waft of a fresh-baked cookie? Whatever your preference, chances are there’s a spray for that. Or a luminary, plug-in or diffuser.

Among the newest products are scent “stories” that cycle through a timed series of fragrances; wooden wicks that evoke crackling fires; flameless candles; and no-spill diffusers.

According to Barbara Miller, spokeswoman for the National Candle Association, “The most notable trend is toward fragrances that transport you; that have a dreamlike or escapist quality.”

Holly Bohn, founder of online retailer See Jane Work, agrees.

“I want my house to smell like the great outdoors even if all the windows are shut and the a/c is on,” she says.

Her go-to product is Good Home Co.’s Beach Days. It’s part of a category known as the “ozones” — scents that are considered refreshing and evocative of fresh air and water. There are half a dozen versions of crisp, clean linen alone. Citrus-based scents are similar; many find them a finishing touch to a newly cleaned house. And they’ll provide a temporary freshening-up for closets or bathrooms without laying on heavy fragrance.

Smell source

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“Over the past couple of years, in a colder economic climate, gourmand fragrances — like vanilla and pumpkin — have become very popular,” says Mei Xe, founder of Chesapeake Bay Candles. “Generally speaking, these scents help bring back happy memories. They make you feel safe and warm, and in these times people are longing for a sense of security.”

Pier 1 has also focused on “cosy,” with scents such as Spiced Cake and Fall Fireside.

Glade and Febreze, mass market leaders in home fragrances, recently launched an array of products in attractive containers to accent home decor; scents for fall include Cranberry Pear, Pumpkin Pie and Cashmere Woods.

To avoid fragrance overload, Xe recommends “staying within the same category, whether it’s florals, fruity notes, woodsy fragrances, whatever. Don’t mix fragrances that are too different from each other.”

Not sure what you like? Take the fragrance profile quiz on the Chesapeake Bay Candle website.

Christopher Brosius was the first artist to have fragrances showcased by the Cooper Hewitt Museum. His 1999 concoction, Snow, won two Fragrance Foundation awards. His perfumes and home sprays carry names such as Gathering Apples and Burning Leaves. Others capture his interpretation of Russian caravans (smoky black tea and bergamot) and gardens (hyacinth, green shoots, moss).

Marie Gartshore, spokeswoman for New Jersey’s Research Institute for Fragrance Materials, says the industry is always looking at what scent chemicals might cause problems, and a five-year study into potential irritants is under way. So far, she said, “no fragrance material has been shown to be a definitive” allergen. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Saying goodbye to entertaining during the warm evenings outside is hard at this time of the year as the fall brings cool and dark evenings ahead. Here are a few ideas to prolong your terrace entertaining well into the upcoming months.

Cosy blankets
Polar fleece blankets are my choice; the synthetic fibres are perfectly cosy for outside use. Throw one on the back of each guests chairs to keep shoulders warm once the sun goes down. Use them as emergency or lap blankets in the car throughout the winter and as durable blankets for camping in summer.

Tabletop heaters
Tall standing heaters are great for cocktail parties when guests are standing but don't work so great when you are lounging lower to the ground. A tabletop style heater will keep about an eight-foot radius toasty when on. I use three of them on my terrace to keep a radiant, low heat when having a small group sitting outside.

▶ Draperies and outdoor carpets will help to keep your outdoor space cosy and warm.

Outdoor Carpets
What a better way to add warmth underfoot than with a carpet to soften underfoot and keep feet warm. Outdoor carpets are being made with the durability to be outside but can also be used inside the house; a great option for stylish but busy households.

Fire Bowls
Usually fueled by a propane tank, a fire bowl not only adds heat to the great outdoors but add a beautiful fire sculpture even during the winter months.

Electric fireplaces
Even though many of the outdoor fireplaces don't put out heat, they certainly create the atmosphere of coziness on a cool night. What's more heart-warming is looking outside in the middle of winter on a snowy day to see the faux flame dancing outside.

Electric barbecues
There's nothing more convenient than having an electric barbecue for keeping snacks and desserts warm while entertaining outside. My favourite is keeping baked apples warm for dessert while dining outside. The electric barbecue is a great option for apartments and condos where gas or propane is not allowed.

LED candles
Nothing sets a romantic glow more than candles but the fall wind and drafts outside never fair well with wax burning style candles. LED candles are genius; they are battery operated, have a realistic flickering bulb and the candles' body is often made of wax for a realistic touch and smell. A great way to add a realistic look of warmth to the outside.

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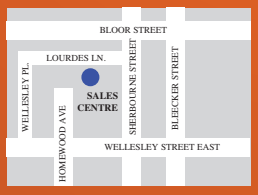

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Goodbye to cottage life

Summer's over and it's time to shut down the cottage Few do's and don'ts to protect your property

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▶ Don't leave your cottage without preparing it for the winter months.

When the temperature starts to cool down and the leaves start to fall from the trees, it's time to start thinking about closing the cottage for the summer.

Although a daunting prospect, home, car and business insurer RSA, has provided the following checklist to follow when closing the cottage, to protect your property during the winter months.

Kitchen

- Clean the kitchen from top to bottom (including appliances) to avoid mildew and rodent infestations. Bring all perishable foods home.
- Unplug and switch off the electrical source to the fridge and freezer and prop the doors open for proper ventilation.
- Unplug other appliances such as coffee makers, toasters and microwaves (leave your microwave door slightly open).

Bathroom

- Clean the bathrooms from top to bottom including the sink, toilet and bath/shower stall.
- Empty the waste bins.

Living room and bedrooms

- Store linens, blankets, pillows and bed spreads away in sealed plastic bags or bins.
- Leave inside doors open to allow air circulation throughout the cottage.
- Ensure you close the flue in your fireplace and seal off with a metal cap.

Outside

- Cover windows with plywood or thin sheet metal. By numbering each window and labeling the wood or metal cover that fits properly with the corresponding number, you can make this job much more efficient in the years to come.
- Shut off the water and drain the pipes by running the taps until the water stops flowing.
- Remove all fire hazards from your property, such as paper, newspaper, old rags, and chemicals.
- Clean off your outdoor furniture and bring it inside.
- Drain small boats of any water and store them away with the motor.
- Forward your mail to your permanent address.

In addition to these tips, ensure that your cottage is properly insured for the winter. Winter storms and burst water pipes can wreak havoc on your property, so it's always best to be prepared for the worst.

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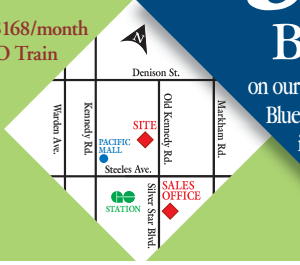

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New shower heads can bring a luxurious touch to your small bathroom.

Small bathrooms are often a challenging space to renovate and redesign with style and function working together. Creating a multifunctional family bathroom with timeless style means investing in fixtures and faucets intended for modern day living.

"Just because your bathroom is small doesn't mean it can't make a big design statement," says Donna Church, Kohler Canada. "If renovations are beyond your pocket book and know-how, there are still many options that will create the illusion of having more space."

With that in mind, here are a few tips and tricks to make that water closet feel like a roman spa.

- Showering Solutions: Multifunctional showerheads offer much more than the standard spray, providing a sense of showering luxury in a small space. Kohler's Flipstream handshower saves space and delivers four distinct spray experiences, each with its own dedicated sprayface, to suit your mood and the angle that best fits your stature.
- Mirror: Reflective surfaces will help to create airiness in the room. This is especially important if the bathroom doesn't have a window to allow natural light to filter in. The scale of the mirror is really dependent on the space and accompanying fixtures. Consider a wall-hung mirrored cabinet that will provide additional storage as well as reflectivity. Generally, a bigger mirror will create a more open-feeling room by reflecting light throughout.
- Wall Hung Vanities: Reducing the size of your bathroom fixtures is an excellent way to create more space. The growing availability of wall hung bathroom furniture provides storage and leaves the floor space open, making a small bathroom seem larger. Petite vanities, though small in stature, offer an alternative that is big on design and function, making the bathroom a unique escape from the ordinary.

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Free the clutter

A clean, neat bathroom always looks larger and more spacious than a dirty one. Don't let clutter accumulate; organize storage areas and make use of them. Innovative, stylish design will always be lost if the space is messy and disorganized.

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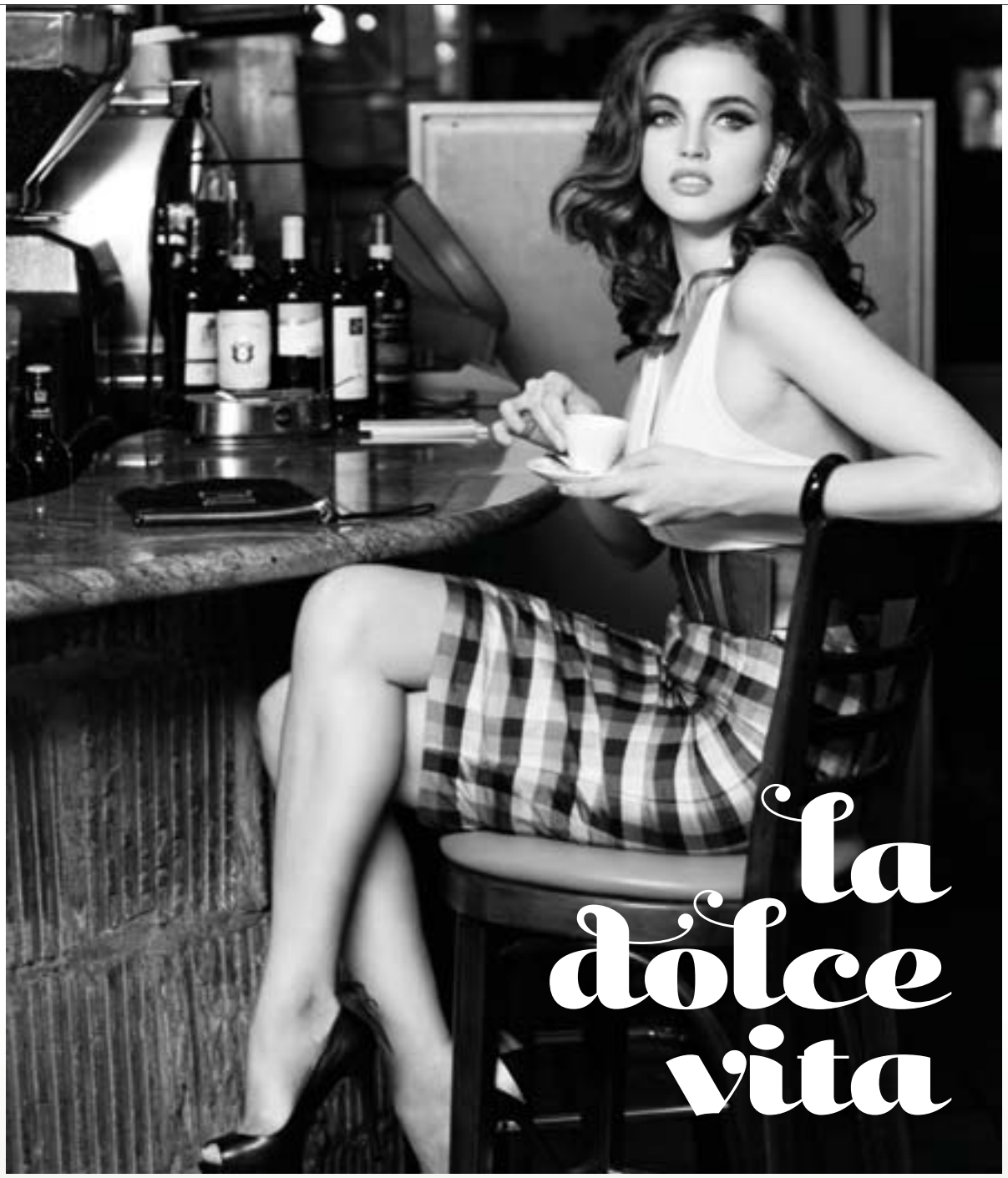

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▶ Actress Eva Mendes.

In bed with Eva

- Actress unveils her home decor line in Canada
- Initial offerings will centre on different bedding styles

Most kids channel their artistic side by dabbling in watercolours and fingerpaints, but actress Eva Mendes had a larger toolkit to play with as she expressed her love of decor.

"We had the same furniture forever, and we'd have hand-me-down tables and all that stuff," said Mendes, who described growing up in a lower-middle class family. "My mother realized when I was very young I'd just throw a sheet over an old couch, or put a scarf over a lamp."

"When she started allowing me to paint, I would paint the living room — or any room really," she added. "I was always trying to make things pretty in a not-so-pretty environment."

Now the actress has added her personal touch to the home decor line Vida, which is launching in Canada. Mendes and partner George Augusto created the line, which will be carried exclusively in Canada at Sears.

"I'm really into bringing back patterns from the past and kind of making them modern."
EVA MENDES

"A lot of my inspiration comes from some things that are older, even looking at old family photos and seeing what tablecloth my mother used for Christmas that year, or for dinner," she said in an interview Friday, prior to an in-store appearance at a downtown Toronto Sears.

The initial offerings from the line in Canada will centre on bedding, with four individual styles encompassing rich hues with bold florals or embroidery.

Completer sets are around $90 while four-piece queen comforter sets range from around $280 to $300.

Mendes said she wants to craft decor for every room in the house, with plans on tap to expand to the bathroom.

While she's been at the forefront of several campaigns for Calvin Klein, including jeans, underwear and fragrances, Mendes isn't looking to broaden into designing apparel.

"Obviously I love fashion, but I don't feel I would have anything to contribute, not at this point anyway, so I leave that to the fashion designers."

"But I do feel like I have something to contribute design-wise, and that's why Vida is here and that's why I feel so passionate about it because I do feel like I can really bring something into your home that's nostalgic, but fresh and modern."

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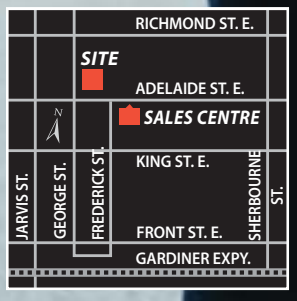

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▶ Cleaning your fireplace properly is essential to avoiding any hazards.

Stay warm but stay safe

As the cold weather approaches it's tempting to hibernate indoors and spark a cosy fire. But before you hunker down, insurer RSA offers some safety tips you should consider.

- Hire a certified professional to clean your fireplace and chimney annually.
- Check your chimney and fireplace for any damage including cracks and loose or deteriorating bricks.
- Ensure you have a sturdy fire screen to keep fire logs and sparks in the fireplace.
- Safeguard pets and small children from getting too close to the open flames.
- Choose the right logs that will burn the cleanest and have less creosote which can build up and clog a chimney. Prepared fire logs from your local retailer usually burn well, however if you are using chopped wood ensure it is dry (preferably laid to dry for at least a year).
- Remember to open the flue and keep the fire well ventilated.
- Keep the size of your fire in ratio to your fireplace, fires that are too large are dangerous and can get out of control.
- Keep both a regular and chimney fire extinguisher in your home and ensure everyone in your family knows how to use them.
- Ensure your home insurance is up to date. In the event of a fire in your home, adequate home insurance will provide peace of mind and speed up the claims process.

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EARLY MOVING NOT GOOD IDEA

I am selling my home later this month to a 'newcomer' to Canada. He has phoned me and requested if he could move in early. Apparently, the accommodations he was staying in have fallen through and he and his family need a place to stay. The transaction is a cash deal with no mortgage. I would like to help him out. What is your advice?

Although many different countries have varying types of arrangements for closing real estate transactions, in Canada, it is strongly advisable to not provide possession to any residence without your lawyer first having the closing funds in their trust account. The problem is that once a person is in possession of a residence, it can be extremely difficult removing them if for some reason the transaction does not close when scheduled.

An alternate solution may be to move the closing date up a few days. If the purchaser is paying cash for the property, perhaps they will have the ability to access their funds earlier and then close the transaction.

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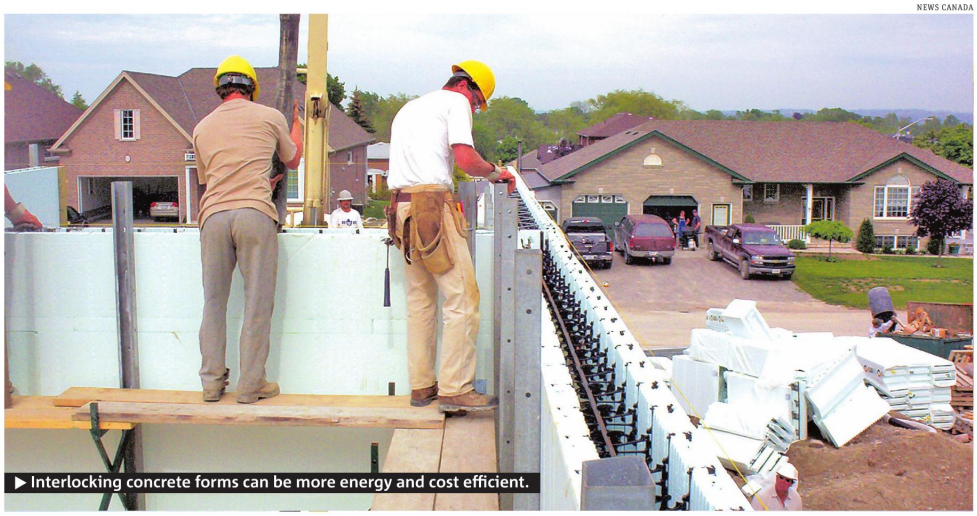

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"As with any industry, those who excel in business never rest on their laurels," says Todd Blyth at Nudura, a leading firm in Canadian construction technology. "It may be demanding to keep up, but wasteful and inefficient practices soon go out of date and therefore every effort by builders to apply the latest innovation is going to pay off quickly.

"Let's take walls, ceilings and floors for example," he continued. "The builder focus now is on integrated systems for the strongest, most attractive, and most efficient building envelope possible."

This newest wall-building system by Nudura (www.nudura.com) consists of pre-assembled, interlocking forms delivered to the construction site.

"Each form is designed with two, stay-in-place panels of polystrene connected with a hinged folding web, making transportation easy, and assembly quick, with no waste," Blyth explained. "The forms (like Lego) are stacked, reinforced, and then filled with concrete, creating the industry's strongest walls.

"A solid building envelope of this kind delivers twice the energy efficiency of stick-frame walls," Blyth continued, "and that could translate to a 70 per cent saving on your bills. Your home will also be far less prone to wood rot, mustiness and mould – and be up to three times more sound resistant, four times more fire resistant, and up to nine times stronger without drafts and cold spots."

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"Our location demanded that we understood how to design a modern condominium within a historical context," says Rob Cooper. To do this, Alterra turned to celebrated architect Rudy Wallman to create a contemporary tower inspired by the heritage of its site.

"Rudy understood how to tie in the neighbourhood," Cooper adds. "By creating a contemporary mid-size tower, he has created a design perfect not just for the location, but for today's urban condo buyer."

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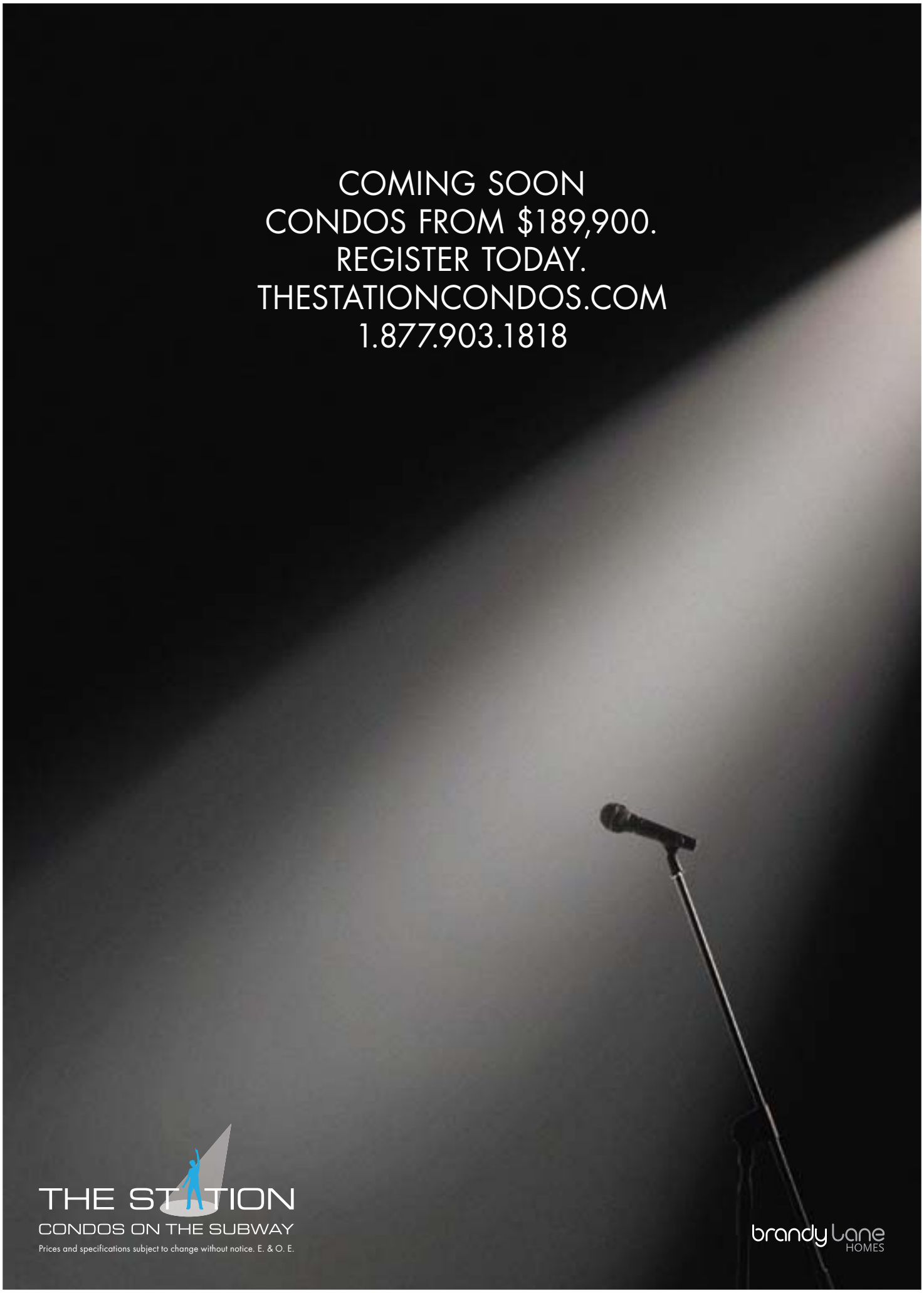
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NO FEDERAL INTERVENTION REQUIRED

There's been some crazy talk of late that our federal government should be looking at ways of cooling off the housing market.

Considering how much our federal government rakes in from the GST on new homes, they would only be shooting themselves in the foot by interfering with the housing market any more than they already have.

Now just try to imagine how crazy that talk would sound to Robert Jones, the Chairman of the Board of the U.S. National Association of Home Builders.

Jones was in Windsor earlier this week to bring U.S. greetings to the Ontario Home Builders' Association. From there, he was off to New York for NAHB Board meetings, where the topic of conversation and debate will undoubtedly be what to do about the moribund state of housing in the U.S.

Frankly, Jones could not have been more envious of the great housing market we are enjoying in the GTA let alone across Canada.

Jones reported that new home sales in the U.S. have fallen 75 per cent from the peak levels of five years ago. That means several hundred thousand less homes being built across the U.S.

Things picked up a bit for the U.S. builders earlier this year thanks to a federal tax credit that gave first time buyers $8,000 and move-up buyers $6,500 towards their new home purchase, but all programs like that do is borrow demand from the future, and that's exactly what the U.S. builders are finding out since the tax credits expired a few months ago.

Here in Canada, our industry never asked for a bailout, in fact we have a standing policy of opposition to artificial stimulus of housing markets. The same hands-off policy would apply to artificial measures to cool the market.

The Bloordale Pantry: Come, eat and hang

STEPHANIE DICKISON/FOR METRO CANADA

▶ Good enough breakfast, great atmosphere at The Bloordale Pantry.

If you like old-style diners, the Pantry is the place for you

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I have a soft spot for diners, but rarely do new ones get it right.

The Bloordale Pantry has the right idea — old-fashioned setup complete with red booths, without being too kitschy or cluttered.

The menu focuses on all-day breakfast, with sandwiches, salads and burgers also available.

I order B&E — two large eggs your way with bacon, served with onion potato hash and choice of toast ($6.99) and my companion gets a Jay Says Eat Your Veggies Panini ($7.99). We both order Fresh Squeezed Juice ($3.75), which is made to order.

The eggs are cooked to order, the bacon is crisp, yet still chewy. However, it's accompanied by mushy, greasy onion hash and stale toast.

What won me over was the laid-back but extremely friendly staff. It felt comfortable and familiar, despite it being our first visit.

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▶ Charred tomatillo, poblano and sweet onion salsa

Yields 4
Start to finish: 50 min.

Ingredients :

- 450 grams (1 lb) tomatillos, husks removed, rinsed
- 1 medium sweet onion, cut into 1.3-cm- (1/2-inch) thick slices
- 1 small poblano chili pepper
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) rice vinegar
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) lime juice
- 5 to 10 ml (1 to 2 tsp) honey, to taste
- 0.5 ml (1/8 tsp) salt, or to taste

Preparation:

1. Heat a gas grill to high or light a charcoal fire.
2. Grill the tomatillos, onion slices and poblano, turning occasionally, until soft and charred, 10 to 15 minutes. Remove the vegetables as they are ready.
3. Set aside to cool for about 15 minutes.
4. Peel, seed and stem the poblano. Coarsely chop the onion.
5. In the bowl of a food processor, combine the tomatillos, onion, poblano, vinegar, lime juice, honey and salt. Pulse until the mixture is well blended but still a bit chunky. Serve warm or cold.

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Fare at fall fairs celebrated

It's heigh-ho come-to-the-fair season all across Canada as local agricultural societies celebrate the bountiful harvest.

Fall is the time to parade farmers' prized livestock, their best fruits and vegetables, homemade quilts and preserves and simply have a merry time.

Moira Sanders and her sister Lori Elstone have fond memories of their childhood when each fall they were taken to one such country fair in Essex County, at the southernmost tip of Ontario.

Remembering those occasions, the pair of trained chefs, with their cousin Beth Goslin Maloney, have compiled The Harrow Fair Cookbook.

"What makes the Harrow Fair so special is the fact it really has stayed true to what makes a real fair," says Sanders, 37. "That means the baking, preserves, the animals, handicrafts and the people are foremost, as opposed to some fairs which end up becoming too commercial."

The Harrow Fair was established in 1854 and is held every Labour Day weekend. Other fairs are held up until Thanksgiving.

"What makes the Harrow Fair so special is the fact it really has stayed true to what makes a real fair: That means the baking, the animals and the people are foremost."
MOIRA SANDERS

"The value of the country fair is to bring families together, continuing traditions that are kind of becoming a lost art such as canning and quilting," says Sanders.

Many of the winning fair recipes were given to the trio by residents of Harrow and surrounding communities.

One person in particular who has won numerous awards at the fair is Gail Hedges of Harrow. She has been entering items into the baked goods contests for more than 50 years and holds the record for having raised the most money at the Pie Auction held on the final day of the fair.

A whopping $2,400 was donated to charity in exchange for her Wild Black Raspberry & Blueberry Pie.

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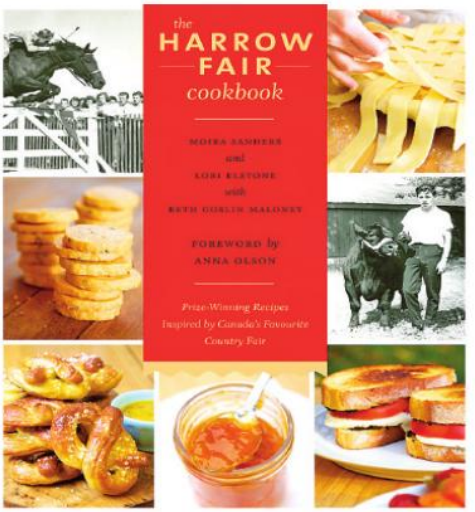

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Wins and losses a poor predictor

Blackhawks, Flyers among the worst teams during last pre-season

A few more stinkers like Tuesday night and the Maple Leafs will have their opponents right where they want them.

There was no shortage of hand-wringing after the home side fell 5-0 to the Ottawa Senators to open the NHL exhibition schedule. Oh no, here we go again was the refrain from some as the 2010-11 team showed many of the same traits that led the previous year's version to a 29th place finish.

Breathe deeply gang.

While no one is suggesting Leafs fans should prepare for a long playoff run next spring, it's worth noting the Chicago Blackhawks were 2-3-1 to finish dead last among 15 Western Conference teams in last year's pre-season.

Remember them?

That would be the same Blackhawks who ranked third overall in the regular season at 52-22-8 before ending a 49-year Stanley Cup drought.

Oh, and the 2009-10 Philadelphia Flyers, the team Chicago beat in the finals, they didn't exactly tip their hand in the pre-season either.

The Flyers finished their exhibition schedule at 2-3-2, which was good for 10th among Eastern Conference teams, before going 41-35-6 to grab the seventh playoff spot and begin their remarkable run to the finals.

And if you need any more proof that the NHL pre-season is a time for coaches, prospects and new linemates but not prognosticators, look no further than the Leafs. They finished the exhibition schedule at an impressive 6-3 last year before starting the real campaign 0-7-1.

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Quoted

"With home-field advantage still at stake, these guys are going to play. It doesn't matter who I put out there, you're going to get a great effort."

TWINS MANAGER RON GARDENHIRE YESTERDAY, A DAY AFTER THE TEAM CLINCHED ITS SIXTH AL CENTRAL TITLE IN NINE YEARS

Bert and Ernie

- Tyler Bozak and Phil Kessel have become fast friends, thanks to a summer where the two "hung out" a lot and had "a lot of fun."
- "Yeah, they're inseparable, we've started calling them Bert and Ernie," Leafs defenceman Mike Komisarek said, referring to the famous Sesame Street characters who were roommates.
- Kessel said the friendship certainly helps the two on the ice, where they are expected to lead the Leafs offensively this season.

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▶ Francis Lessard lays out Mikhail Grabovski during an NHL pre-season game last night.

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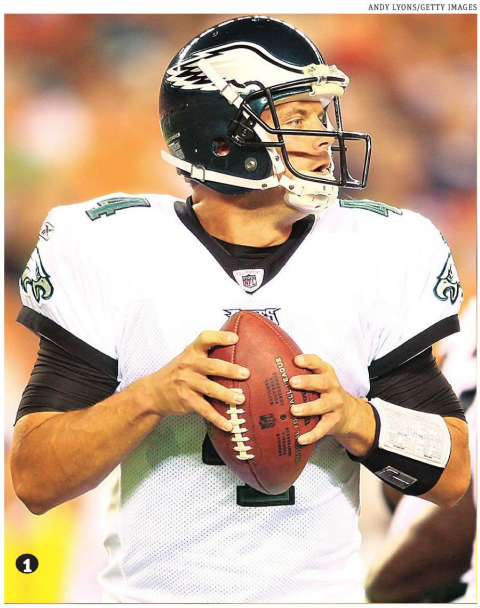

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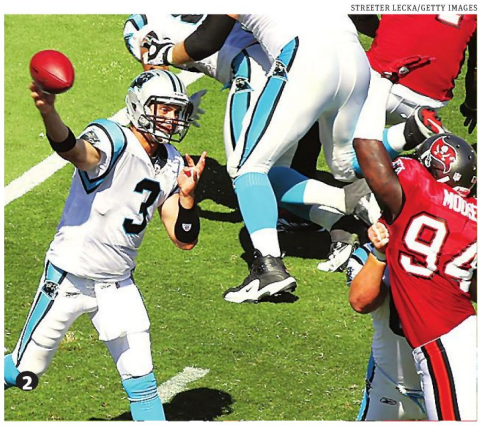

Quarterback picture unclear

- There's a lot of roster shuffling going on in the NFL
- Here's a look at six of the most dramatic situations

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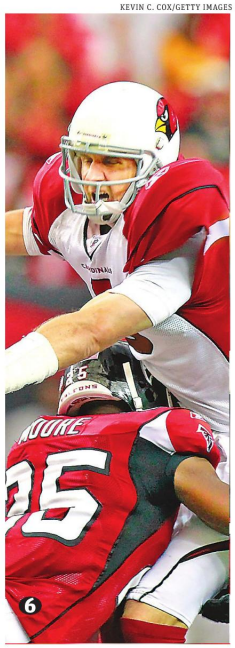

1. PHILADELPHIA

Monday, coach Andy Reid called his quarterback issue a "beautiful situation" after declaring **Kevin Kolb** his starter for this Sunday's game. A day later, he said Michael Vick had performed too well to be sent back to the bench. "When someone is playing at the level Michael Vick is playing, you have to give him an opportunity," said Reid. So much for Kolb being Donovan McNabb's successor.

2. CAROLINA

Jake Delhomme was released, and **Matt Moore** already is the unsuccessful successor — four interceptions, two fumbles in two losses. Coach John Fox is turning to rookie Jimmy Clausen. "We'll see if this works," the coach in the final year of his contract said. The second-round pick from Notre Dame is 7-of-15 passing for 59 yards and one interception in two brief stints.

3. BUFFALO

New coach Chan Gailey is looking for a spark after **Trent Edwards** failed to generate much offence in two losses (one TD pass, two interceptions, seven sacks). Ryan Fitzpatrick's task? End the Bills' 13-game losing streak against the Patriots this Sunday. It's the Bills' fifth in-season quarterback change in six years.

4. OAKLAND

Once coach Tom Cable decides between season-opening starter **Jason Campbell** (acquired from the Redskins) and Bruce Gradkowski, he says there no longer will be a quarterback controversy. Campbell was yanked in favour of Gradkowski, who led the Raiders to a 16-14 win over the Rams last week. "I'll make a good decision, the right decision, and we'll go from there," Cable said.

5. PITTSBURGH

Two games to go before Ben Roethlisberger returns from suspension, and his replacement, Dennis Dixon, is out with a left knee injury. **Charlie Batch** came on in the Steelers' win last week, but Byron Leftwich, re-signed Monday, could start against Tampa Bay Sunday. And by the way, does it really matter who subs for Roethlisberger for the unbeaten Steelers?

6. ARIZONA

Kurt Warner retires (he made it to the second round of Dancing With The Stars, by the way), Matt Leinart is cut in the pre-season, and **Derek Anderson** moves in as the starter. What happens? The Cardinals are 1-1 but have produced only 24 points, and Anderson has been hit hard in both games. He will start against the Raiders, simply because the Cardinals' other quarterbacks are rookies Max Hall and John Skelton.

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1 Liverpool's season went from bad to worse yesterday as it was shocked by fourth-tier side Northampton in the third round of the Carling Cup. Chelsea and Manchester City were also knocked out.

2 Mets closer Francisco Rodriguez was charged with seven counts of criminal contempt for sending his girlfriend dozens of text messages begging for forgiveness, violating a restraining order.

3 New England running back Kevin Faulk says he will miss the rest of the Patriots' season with a torn knee ligament. Faulk said yesterday he will undergo surgery for the injury to his right knee.

4 Holdout wide receiver Vincent Jackson remains the property of the San Diego Chargers despite his agent saying he had deals in place with several teams before yesterday's deadline.

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Knicks think new roster may be a winner

New York set to open training camp tomorrow with 10 newcomers in tow ◐ Amare Stoudemire the biggest name in a busy summer for the club

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▶ Amare Stoudemire is pictured in July after signing with the Knicks.

LeBron James never came. Carmelo Anthony might be interested in coming.

The New York Knicks aren't interested in discussing either.

After two years of working solely on ways to rebuild the team through free agency, even at the cost of winning games, team officials believe it's time to put the focus back on the court.

The roster is almost entirely changed, and they believe it could be a winning one.

"As a coaching staff, I know we're really excited about who we have and not even thinking about looking down the hallway, see what else is going on," coach Mike D'Antoni said yesterday. "We're very content at the people we can put on the floor this year."

The Knicks will open training camp tomorrow at their practice facility with 10 newcomers, as they were one of the league's busiest teams over the summer after a 29-53 season.

They hoped to land James and one other superstar, but he decided on Miami instead. Still, they picked up perennial all-star forward Amare Stoudemire, whom team president Donnie Walsh called "as good a player as we've had here in a long time."

"There's going to be some athletic plays seen in the Garden that we haven't seen for a while." COACH MIKE D'ANTONI

The Knicks also believe former Charlotte Bobcats point guard Raymond Felton is the floor leader they need; are high on Anthony Randolph, the centrepiece of a trade with Golden State; and are intrigued by centre Timofey Mozgov of Russia.

New York also expects the continued improvement of forward Danilo Gallinari, so Walsh said some players in this group will be around when the Knicks finally start winning again after a franchise-worst nine consecutive losing seasons.

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▶ Carmelo Anthony

Carmelo's future tied to New York?

Carmelo Anthony still hasn't signed a contract extension with Denver and can become a free agent next summer. The Nuggets could opt to trade him before next summer to avoid losing him for nothing.

Knicks president Donnie Walsh refused to say if he had or would contact the Nuggets, though the New York Times reported Monday that a Knicks official said New York was told during preliminary conversations that it didn't have the assets Denver was seeking if it did decide to trade its star.

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The Knicks can't offer a first-round pick until at least 2014, since they sent their 2012 choice to Houston last season and NBA rules prevent teams from trading first-round picks in consecutive years. So they can only offer what they have on their roster now.

Pursuit begins for golf's largest prize

$10-million bonus on the line at the Tour Championship, which starts today Matt Kuchar stands strong as No. 1 seed in FedEx Cup

Competition

Matt Kuchar isn't alone in his pursuit of the big prize.

- The top five in the standings — Kuchar, Dustin Johnson, Charley Hoffman, Steve Stricker and Paul Casey — determine their own fate. If they win the Tour Championship, they win the FedEx Cup.
- Everyone else from No. 6 to No. 30 needs help to win.
- Defending champion Phil Mickelson is No. 10, having slipped in the standings with mediocre results in the playoffs. A victory would make him No. 1 in the world for the first time.

Matt Kuchar is the face of golf in Atlanta this week at the Tour Championship, just like he was 10 years ago.

There's one difference. Actually, there are about 10 million differences.

Kuchar is the No. 1 seed in the FedEx Cup going into the final playoff event, which starts today at East Lake. That gives him a slight edge in the race for the $10-million bonus, the biggest payoff in golf.

It's hard to believe that Kuchar, perhaps the most celebrated amateur golfer at Georgia Tech since Bobby Jones, wasn't even sure he wanted to turn pro when he graduated a decade ago.

He had won the U.S. Amateur. He lit up Augusta National with his engaging smile and a game good enough to be the low amateur at the Masters in 1998. Then came the U.S. Open at Olympic Club, where he held his own against golf's best and tied for 14th.

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No one has more than Kuchar's 11 top-10s on the PGA Tour this year. His consistent play, coupled with a victory at The Barclays, has put him atop the PGA Tour money list for the first time in his career, on his first Ryder Cup team and No. 10 in the world ranking.

This will be Kuchar's first appearance in the Tour Championship, a big goal for a Georgia Tech alum who used to play East Lake in college.

"It's definitely been a neat progression," Kuchar said.

"I think I was definitely well-celebrated as an amateur, and it's fun to take the steps forward ... To make those steps, it's a very rewarding feeling."

The timing of the Tour Championship provides one coincidence — Kuchar, who always has felt at home in Atlanta, is in the process of moving across the state to St. Simons Island.

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▶ Matt Kuchar

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	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
New York	92	59	.609	—	—	5-5	W-2	51-25	41-34
Tampa Bay	89	61	.593	2½	—	4-6	L-3	46-29	43-32
Boston	83	68	.550	9	6½	5-5	L-2	43-34	40-34
Toronto	76	74	.507	15½	13	4-6	W-1	40-33	36-41
Baltimore	61	90	.404	31	28½	7-3	W-3	34-43	27-47

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
x-Minnesota	92	60	.605	—	—	8-2	W-3	52-25	40-35
Chicago	80	72	.526	12	10	2-8	W-1	40-34	40-38
Detroit	76	75	.503	15½	13½	5-5	L-1	48-29	28-46
Kansas City	62	88	.413	29	27	5-5	W-1	34-40	28-48
Cleveland	62	90	.408	30	28	4-6	L-4	32-42	30-48

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
Texas	83	67	.553	—	—	6-4	L-3	48-26	35-41
Oakland	76	75	.503	7½	13½	5-5	L-1	46-31	30-44
Los Angeles	75	76	.497	8½	14½	7-3	W-3	40-34	35-42
Seattle	57	93	.380	26	32	2-8	L-1	35-42	22-51

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
Philadelphia	91	61	.599	—	—	9-1	W-9	50-27	41-34
Atlanta	86	66	.566	5	—	5-5	L-2	52-23	34-43
Florida	75	75	.500	15	10	4-6	W-2	37-39	38-36
New York	74	77	.490	16½	11½	5-5	L-4	44-30	30-47
Washington	63	88	.417	27½	22½	3-7	W-1	36-37	27-51

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
Cincinnati	86	66	.566	—	—	5-5	W-2	45-30	41-36
St. Louis	77	73	.513	8	8	4-6	L-2	46-28	31-45
Houston	73	78	.483	12½	12½	6-4	L-1	41-37	32-41
Milwaukee	69	81	.460	16	16	4-6	L-3	36-40	33-41
Chicago	68	82	.453	17	17	8-2	L-1	33-43	35-39
Pittsburgh	52	98	.347	33	33	5-5	W-4	37-39	15-59

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
San Francisco	85	66	.563	—	—	6-4	W-2	45-30	40-36
San Diego	84	66	.560	½	1	5-5	W-1	42-32	42-34
Colorado	82	68	.547	2½	3	6-4	L-2	51-24	31-44
Los Angeles	73	78	.483	12	12½	4-6	L-1	42-34	31-44
Arizona	60	91	.397	25	25½	3-7	W-1	36-40	24-51

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AMERICAN LEAGUE

Yesterday's results
Minnesota 5 Cleveland 1
Chicago White Sox 4 Oakland 3
Kansas City at Detroit
Tampa Bay at N.Y. Yankees
Seattle at Toronto
Baltimore at Boston
Texas at L.A. Angels

Tuesday's results
Kansas City 9 Detroit 6
N.Y. Yankees 8 Tampa Bay 3
Toronto 5 Seattle 3
Baltimore 9 Boston 1
Minnesota 6 Cleveland 4
Oakland 7 Chicago White Sox 2
L.A. Angels 2 Texas 0

Today's games
Seattle (F.Hernandez 12-11) at Toronto (Sh.Hill 0-2), 12:37 p.m.
Kansas City (O'Sullivan 2-6) at Cleveland (Talbot 9-12), 7:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Price 17-6) at N.Y. Yankees (Sabathia 20-6), 7:05 p.m.
Texas (Cl.Lee 12-8) at Oakland (Braden 9-13), 10:05 p.m.

Tomorrow's games
Boston at N.Y. Yankees, 7:05 p.m.
Kansas City at Cleveland, 7:05 p.m.
Minnesota at Detroit, 7:05 p.m.
Baltimore at Toronto, 7:07 p.m.
Seattle at Tampa Bay, 7:10 p.m.
Chicago White Sox at L.A. Angels, 10:05 p.m.
Texas at Oakland, 10:05 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Last night's results
Atlanta at Philadelphia
Houston at Washington
St. Louis at Pittsburgh
N.Y. Mets at Florida
San Francisco at Chicago Cubs
Cincinnati at Milwaukee
Colorado at Arizona
San Diego at L.A. Dodgers

Tuesday's results
Philadelphia 5 Atlanta 3
Washington 8 Houston 4
Pittsburgh 5 St. Louis 2
Florida 5 N.Y. Mets 2
San Francisco 1 Chicago Cubs 0
Cincinnati 4 Milwaukee 3
Arizona 3 Colorado 1
San Diego 6 L.A. Dodgers 0

Today's games
St. Louis (Suppan 1-7) at Pittsburgh (Burres 3-2), 12:35 p.m.
Houston (Figueroa 5-3) at Washington (Detwiler 0-2), 4:35 p.m.
San Francisco (Bumgarner 5-6) at Chicago Cubs (Dempster 14-10), 7:05 p.m.
Florida (Ani.Sanchez 12-10) at Milwaukee (Gallardo 13-7), 8:10 p.m.
Colorado (Francis 4-5) at Arizona (I.Kennedy 9-9), 9:40 p.m.
San Diego (Latos 14-7) at L.A. Dodgers (Kuroda 10-13), 10:10 p.m.

Tomorrow's games
St. Louis at Chicago Cubs, 2:20 p.m.
Atlanta at Washington, 7:05 p.m.
Houston at Pittsburgh, 7:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets at Philadelphia, 7:05 p.m.
Florida at Milwaukee, 8:10 p.m.
San Francisco at Colorado, 8:10 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers at Arizona, 9:40 p.m.
Cincinnati at San Diego, 10:05 p.m.

WILD CARD

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Tampa Bay	89	61	.593	-
Boston	83	68	.550	6.5
Chi White Sox	80	72	.526	10.0

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	86	66	.566	-
San Diego	84	66	.560	1.0
Colorado	82	68	.547	3.0
St. Louis	77	73	.513	8.0
Florida	75	75	.500	10.0

AMERICAN LEAGUE

LATE TUESDAY

BLUE JAYS 5, MARINERS 3

Seattle	ab	r	h	bi	Toronto	ab	r	h	bi
ISuzuki rf	4	2	4	0	Snider lf	4	1	1	2
Figgins 2b	3	0	2	1	YEscor ss	4	0	0	0
JoLopz dh	5	0	2	2	JBautst rf	4	1	2	0
Smoak 1b	4	0	0	0	V.Wells cf	4	1	1	2
Lngrhn lf	4	0	0	0	Overay 1b	2	0	0	0
AMoore c	3	0	1	0	J.Buck c	4	0	2	0
MSndrs cf	4	0	0	0	A.Hill 2b	4	0	0	0
Tuiassp 3b	4	1	1	0	Encrnc dh	4	2	2	1
JoWilsn ss	4	0	0	0	JMcDnl 3b	3	0	0	0
Totals	**35**	**3**	**10**	**3**	**Totals**	**33**	**5**	**8**	**5**

Seattle	100	010	001	3
Toronto	210	200	00x	5

E—Jo.Wilson (20). DP—Toronto 1. LOB—Seattle 9, Toronto 6. 2B—Tuiasosopo (5), J.Bautista (33). HR—Snider (10), V.Wells (28), Encarnacion (15). S—Figgins.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Seattle						
French L,4-6	7	7	5	5	1	2
Olson	1	1	0	0	0	0
Toronto						
Rzepczynski W,2-4	6 1-3	7	2	2	3	8
Camp H,12	2-3	0	0	0	0	1
S.Downs H,23	1	0	0	0	0	0
Gregg S,34-39	1	3	1	1	0	1

T—2:12. A—12,158 (49,539) at Toronto.

CALENDAR

Oct. 6 — Playoffs begin.
Oct. 27 — World Series begins, city of National League champion.
November — Free agent filing period, first 15 days after World Series ends.
Nov. 16-17 — General managers' meetings, Orlando, Fla.
Nov. 17-18 — Owners' meetings, Orlando, Fla.

NHL

PRE-SEASON

(x-split squad game)

Last night's results
Ottawa at Toronto
Detroit at Pittsburgh
Washington at Columbus
Boston at Montreal
St. Louis at Minnesota
Chicago vs. Tampa Bay
Los Angeles at Colorado
San Jose at Anaheim
Edmonton at Vancouver

Tonight's games
New Jersey at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.
Philadelphia vs. Toronto (at London, Ont.), 7 p.m.
Boston vs. Florida (at Rochester, N.Y.), 7 p.m.
Carolina at Nashville, 8 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Edmonton, 9 p.m.
x-Los Angeles at Phoenix, 10 p.m.
x-Phoenix at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

MLB

NATIONAL LEAGUE

ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS — Named Kevin Towers general manager.
HOUSTON ASTROS — Claimed RHP Cesar Carillo off waivers from San Diego. Designated INF Edwin Maysonet for assignment.
WASHINGTON NATIONALS — Signed a two-year player development contract with Hagerstown (SAL).

FOOTBALL

NFL

LEAGUE OFFICE — Suspended Tampa Bay S Tanard Jackson indefinitely for violating the league's substances of abuse policy.
BALTIMORE RAVENS — Activated CB Cary Williams from suspension. Released S Ken Hamlin.
MIAMI DOLPHINS — Signed TE Jeron Mastrud. Waived RB Clifton Smith and TE John Nalbone.
MINNESOTA VIKINGS — Signed WR Hank Baskett to a one-year contract.
NEW ORLEANS SAINTS — Re-signed RB Ladell Betts. Waived RB DeShawn Wynn.
SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS — Signed LB Bruce Davis to the practice squad.

CFL

LEAGUE OFFICE — Fined Hamilton OT Jason Jimenez an undisclosed amount for a late hit on British Columbia DL Brent Johnson during Saturday's game.
WINNIPEG BLUE BOMBERS — Released PK Louie Sakoda.

HOCKEY

NHL

ATLANTA THRASHERS — Assigned F Angelo Esposito, F Michael Forney, F Danick Paquette, F Jared Ross, D Paul Postma and D Mike Sikilenka to to Chicago (AHL). Released F Andre Deveaux and D Kyle McLaren.
DALLAS STARS — Assigned G Jack Campbell to Windsor (CHL).
WASHINGTON CAPITALS — Signed G Michal Neuvirth to a two-year contract extension.

MOTORSPORTS

NASCAR — Docked Clint Bowyer 150 points for failing inspection, suspended crew chief Shane Wilson six weeks and fined him $150,000 and docked team owner Richard Childress 50 owner points for Bowyer's car failing inspection after Sunday's Sprint Cup in Loudon, N.H.

BETTING

PRO LINE LOTTERY ODDS

THURSDAY, SEPT. 23

No.	SPT	VIS	HOME	V+	V	T	H	H+	O	#	U
21	CFB	MMFL	PIT	2.5	1.9	3.1	2.7	3.3	—	—	—
66	BBL	STL	PIT	2	1.65	2.75	1.75	2.1	1.6	8.5	1.8
67	BBL	SEA	TOR	1.9	1.6	2.8	1.8	2.2	—	—	—
68	BBL	HOU	WAS	1.9	1.6	2.8	1.8	2.2	1.8	8.5	1.6
69	BBL	KC	CLE	2.3	1.9	2.9	1.55	1.85	1.8	9.5	1.6
70	BBL	SF	CHIC	2	1.65	2.75	1.75	2.1	—	—	—
71	BBL	TB	NYY	2.4	2	3	1.5	1.8	2	8.5	1.5
72	BBH	CRAW	RCAN	2.4	2.2	3	2	2.2	—	—	—
73	BBL	FLA	MIL	2.3	1.9	2.9	1.55	1.85	—	—	—
74	BBL	COL	ARZ	2.1	1.75	2.75	1.65	2	1.8	9.5	1.6
75	BBL	TEX	OAK	1.9	1.6	2.8	1.8	2.2	—	—	—
76	BBL	SD	LAD	2.1	1.75	2.75	1.65	2	—	—	—
77	BBH	AGON	AETH	2.4	2.2	3	2	2.2	—	—	—
96	SCR	MLGA	GETF	—	4	3.2	1.7	—	—	—	—
97	SCR	DEP	VIL	—	4.3	3.4	1.6	—	—	—	—
98	SCR	PALR	JUV	—	4.3	3.4	1.6	—	—	—	—
99	SCR	SANT	FCSE	—	6.5	4	1.35	—	—	—	—

In the event of any discrepancy between this information and odds available from OLG, the latter shall prevail.

NFL

WEEK 3

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

EAST

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Miami	2	0	0	1.000	29	20
N.Y. Jets	1	1	0	.500	37	24
New England	1	1	0	.500	52	52
Buffalo	0	2	0	.000	17	49

SOUTH

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Houston	2	0	0	1.000	64	51
Jacksonville	1	1	0	.500	37	55
Tennessee	1	1	0	.500	49	32
Indianapolis	1	1	0	.500	62	48

NORTH

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Pittsburgh	2	0	0	1.000	34	20
Cincinnati	1	1	0	.500	39	48
Baltimore	1	1	0	.500	20	24
Cleveland	0	2	0	.000	28	33

WEST

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Kansas City	2	0	0	1.000	37	28
San Diego	1	1	0	.500	52	34
Denver	1	1	0	.500	48	38
Oakland	1	1	0	.500	29	52

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

EAST

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Washington	1	1	0	.500	40	37
N.Y. Giants	1	1	0	.500	45	56
Philadelphia	1	1	0	.500	55	59
Dallas	0	2	0	.000	27	40

SOUTH

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Tampa Bay	2	0	0	1.000	37	21
New Orleans	2	0	0	1.000	39	31
Atlanta	1	1	0	.500	50	22
Carolina	0	2	0	.000	25	51

NORTH

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Chicago	2	0	0	1.000	46	34
Green Bay	2	0	0	1.000	61	27
Detroit	0	2	0	.000	46	54
Minnesota	0	2	0	.000	19	28

WEST

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Seattle	1	1	0	.500	45	37
Arizona	1	1	0	.500	24	54
San Francisco	0	2	0	.000	28	56
St. Louis	0	2	0	.000	27	33

Sunday's games
Dallas at Houston, 1 p.m.
Buffalo at New England, 1 p.m.
Cleveland at Baltimore, 1 p.m.
Atlanta at New Orleans, 1 p.m.
Tennessee at N.Y. Giants, 1 p.m.
Cincinnati at Carolina, 1 p.m.
San Francisco at Kansas City, 1 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Tampa Bay, 1 p.m.
Detroit at Minnesota, 1 p.m.
Washington at St. Louis, 4:05 p.m.
Philadelphia at Jacksonville, 4:05 p.m.
San Diego at Seattle, 4:15 p.m.
Oakland at Arizona, 4:15 p.m.
Indianapolis at Denver, 4:15 p.m.
N.Y. Jets at Miami, 8:20 p.m.

Monday, Sept. 27
Green Bay at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.

CFL

WEEK 13

EAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	T	PF	PA	Pt
Montreal	11	8	3	0	344	250	16
Hamilton	11	6	5	0	270	286	12
Toronto	11	6	5	0	237	293	12
Winnipeg	11	3	8	0	291	290	6

WEST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	T	PF	PA	Pt
Calgary	11	9	2	0	396	245	18
Saskatchewan	11	7	4	0	321	304	14
B.C.	11	3	8	0	276	295	6
Edmonton	11	2	9	0	200	372	4

Tomorrow's game
(All times Eastern)
Montreal at Winnipeg, 8 p.m.

Saturday's games
Saskatchewan at Hamilton, 6:30 p.m.
B.C. at Calgary, 9:30 p.m.

Sunday's game
Edmonton vs. Toronto (at Moncton, N.B.), 12 p.m.

SOCCER

MLS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pt
Columbus	25	13	7	5	33	27	44
New York	25	13	8	4	32	27	41
Toronto FC	25	8	10	7	24	28	31
Kansas City	23	8	9	6	24	24	30
Chicago	23	6	9	8	28	31	26
New England	24	7	14	3	24	41	24
Philadelphia	24	6	12	6	27	39	24
D.C.	25	5	17	3	17	39	18

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pt
Los Angeles	25	15	5	5	38	19	50
Real Salt Lake	25	13	4	8	38	16	47
FC Dallas	24	11	2	11	31	19	44
Colorado	24	10	7	7	32	24	37
San Jose	23	10	7	6	25	23	36
Seattle	25	10	9	6	30	29	36
Chivas USA	24	7	13	4	25	31	25
Houston	24	6	13	5	29	40	23

x — clinched playoff berth.

Last night's results
New England at FC Dallas
Houston at Kansas City

Tomorrow's game
(All times Eastern)
New York at Los Angeles, 11 p.m.

Saturday Games
Chivas USA at Philadelphia, 4 p.m.
San Jose at Toronto FC, 4 p.m.
Houston at D.C. United, 7:30 p.m.
Columbus at New England, 7:30 p.m.
FC Dallas at Kansas City, 8 p.m.
Seattle FC at Chicago, 8 p.m.
Colorado at Real Salt Lake, 10 p.m.

ENGLAND

LEAGUE CUP

THIRD ROUND

Yesterday's results
Aston Villa 3 Blackburn 1
Chelsea 3 Newcastle 4
Scunthorpe 2 Manchester United 5
Wigan 2 Preston 1
West Bromwich Albion 2 Manchester City 1
Liverpool 2 Northampton 2
(Northampton won 4-2 on penalty kicks)

SCOTLAND

LEAGUE CUP

THIRD ROUND

Yesterday's results
Aberdeen 3 Raith Rovers 2
Celtic 6 Inverness 0
Kilmarnock 3 Hibernian 1
Ross County 1 Dundee United 2

SPAIN

LA LIGA

Yesterday's results
Barcelona 1 Sporting Gijon 0
Zaragoza 0 Hercules 0
Almeria 0 Levante 1
Valencia 1 Atletico Madrid 1

ITALY

SERIE A

Yesterday's results
Bologna 2 Udinese 1
Brescia 2 AS Roma 1
Cagliari 0 Sampdoria 0
Catania 2 Cesena 0
Genoa 1 Fiorentina 1
Inter Milan 4 Bari 0
Lazio 1 AC Milan 1
Lecce 1 Parma 1
Napoli 1 Chievo Verona 3

GERMANY

BUNDESLIGA

Yesterday's results
Bayer Leverkusen 2 Eintracht Frankfurt 1
Borussia Dortmund 5 Kaiserslautern 0
Hamburg 1 Wolfsburg 3
Borussia Moenchengladbach 1 St. Pauli 2
Freiburg 1 Schalke 2
Nuremberg 2 Stuttgart 1

Opinion

DAN TOTH
CFL EXTRA POINTS

DON'T BET ON CFL IN ATLANTIC CANADA

The first neutral-site regular-season game is Sunday afternoon at the new stadium in Moncton, N.B., but smart money says the CFL will never venture that far east with an expansion franchise.

While there's a Grey Cup atmosphere surrounding Touchdown Atlantic — the Eskimos-Argos clash that sold 20,000 tickets in less than two days — the city has neither the stadium nor the population base to support a CFL team.

It's one thing to rally your support around a one-time event like the game, but a full-fledged Moncton or regional team would need season ticket holders from around the Maritimes to make it a success. That part of our country produces fine college players who supply Canadian content for the league and would provide a natural draw for local fans, but it's not enough to make the venture a winning proposition while expansion teams in Ottawa and Quebec City will take precedence.

OWNER ODDITY:

CFL lovers think the league's quirky nature is one of its finest traits and in some ways that's true. Where else could you have two teams with the same name, as was the case for many years with the Roughriders and Rough Riders, one point awarded for a failed field goal and, years ago, Ottawa even drafted a dead player. That said, having David Braley owning two teams, even temporarily, isn't as charming as some of the league's other oddities. Case in point: Last week, defensive end Ricky Foley announced he would return to the CFL with either the B.C. Lions or Toronto Argonauts before eventually declaring he had agreed to terms with the Lions. Then, less than 24 hours later, he changed his mind and opted to sign with the Argos. Braley, who owns both teams, insisted he was never involved with the negotiations, but the optics are simply brutal and provides additional fodder for CFL bashers.

CROSSOVER RULE:

You have to love the CFL's crossover playoff rule, a unique twist introduced in 1996 that allows the fourth-place team from one division to cross over into the semifinals in the other division if it finishes with more points than the third-place team on the other side.

Winnipeg's loss last weekend all but ended its chances of making the playoffs through the East Division, but the 3-8 Bombers, now six points back of both the Argos and the Hamilton Tiger-Cats, can cast their eyes on third spot in the West. Calgary and Saskatchewan are bound to finish 1-2 in the West, and now third place will come down to a shootout between hapless B.C. (3-8) and Edmonton (2-9). It's football's version of the mulligan.

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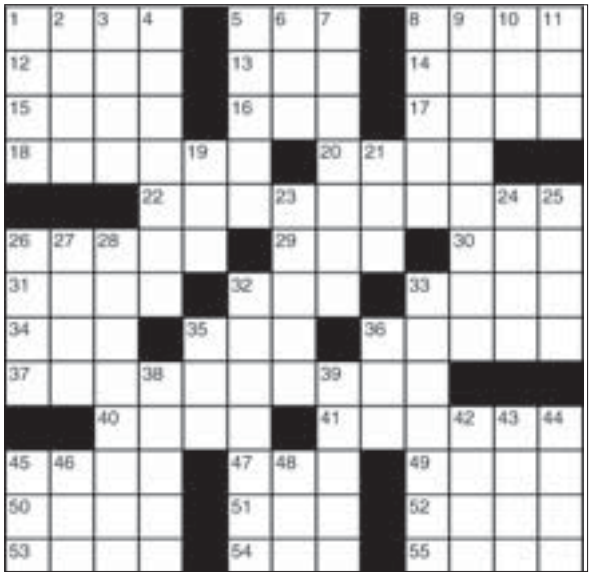


Across

1 ACROSS
1 Nasty stinger
5 Servicewoman
8 Throat noise
12 Foe of Pizarro
13 Turkish title
14 Poi base
15 Quartet
16 Prune
17 Break suddenly
18 Prisoner
20 Going into sudden death
22 Arousing indignation
26 Pago Pago is there
29 Trigger's rider
30 Melody
31 Alternative to Windows
32 Pale
33 "Desire Under the —"
34 Mag. staffers
35 Cushion
36 Apportion
37 Not meant for reuse
40 Escape clauses
41 Speak from memory
45 First course, often
47 Lincoln
49 Salver
50 Persian sprite
51 A Gershwin brother
52 Frost
53 Seed coat
54 Felon's flight
55 Venomous vipers

Down

1 Internet cafe offering
2 In due time
3 Pond film
4 Seeming contradiction
5 Cardiff's land
6 Past
7 Movie subtitle
8 Bewildered
9 Court game
10 Historic time
11 Swab the decks
19 "— for Two"
21 Unfriendly
23 Gucci rival
24 Long ride?
25 Formerly, formerly
26 Took to court
27 "The King —"
28 The Show Me state
32 Christmas punch
33 "Mourning Becomes —"
35 Cauldron
36 Hearty brew
38 Student
39 Silver-scaled fish
42 Rainbow
43 Pack down
44 Spuds' buds
45 Hot tub
46 "— the ramparts ..."
48 Support system?

▶ Yesterday's answer

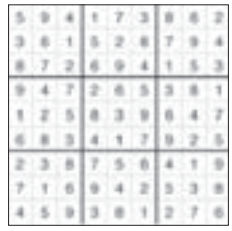
Sudoku

1					5		7	
			1	8			9	
	9		4					2
	8	7		4				
6			2		8			9
				7		6	5	
4					3		8	
	5			2	6			
	1		8					6

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ▶



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Today's horoscope

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♈ Aries March 21-April 20 If you are not happy with the direction your life is going now is the time to do something about it. A full moon in your sign will galvanize you emotionally.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 Steer clear of unnecessary suspicions today. The planets warn you are in one of those moods when every little change in your environment makes you fear the worst for no good reason.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 Your mind may be full of big ideas but just because they are big ideas does not necessarily mean they are good ideas. Ask friends and relatives what they think of your plans.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 The Because today's full moon occurs in the career area of your chart you will be looking to make a good impression on the work front. The best way to do that is to stay calm.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 You will find it easier than most people to deal with the negative emotions that will be flying around over the day. You know that in the greater scheme of things none of it matters.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 Because the full moon cuts across the financial axis of your chart you will be thinking, and worrying, about your money situation. The thing to remember about the moon is that it is a fleeting influence.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 Difficulties in one-to-one relationships, be they personal or professional, are to be expected today, but it's not the end of the world so don't get too upset about it.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 You need to stand back from what you are working on and see it from a wider perspective. Once you do that you will realize that it is more than just another task that needs to be done.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 The full moon in your fellow Fire sign of Aries will fire you up and get you moving forwards again, but not everyone will approve of what you are doing. So what? Since when did you care?

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 You don't get emotional often but the planets warn that your thinking will be clouded by your feelings over the next 24 hours, and that could lead to mistakes.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 Keep your thoughts to yourself today, however much you might be tempted to argue with someone whose opinions you disagree with.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20 Pisces is an emotional sign by nature and today's full moon is likely to heighten those emotions by a factor of ten. You don't have to get worked up by what others say and do. Strive for serenity.

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